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In a move that has drawn criticism, the Karnataka government on Friday issued an order prohibiting photography and videography in its offices without prior permission.

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Language primacy: Panel submits draft Bill

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In a bid to give a legal framework and teeth to various rules and regulations on giving primacy to Kannada, the S.R. Bannurmath-headed committee has submitted the draft of Kannada Language Comprehensive Development Bill, 2022, to the government.

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Gotabaya quits, Ranil sworn in as Acting President of Sri Lanka

Members of Parliament prepare to elect a new President through secret ballot

MEERA SRINIVASAN
COLOMBO

Gotabaya Rajapaksa has officially resigned as Sri Lanka's President, the Parliamentary Speaker announced on Friday, ending days of uncertainty since the deposed leader fled the island amid monumental public protests over an economic crisis gripping the country. "I have accepted the resignation," Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana told reporters.

Hours later, Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe was sworn in as Acting President as per the Constitution, even as members of Parliament prepare to elect a new President from among themselves through a secret ballot. "I hope to complete the process of electing a new President within seven days," Mr. Abeywardana said. Parliament is scheduled to convene on Saturday to initiate the process.

Sri Lanka urgently needs a new President and a government in place to address the worsening economic crisis that has disrupted supply of essentials, including fuel, food and medicines.

According to the Sri Lankan Constitution, if the office of the President falls vacant, a new President must be elected through Parliament within one month. Acting President Mr. Wickremesinghe, according to political sources, has set his sights on the country's top office that has eluded him in his nearly half-century career in national politics.

Significantly, the Rajapaksas' ruling Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP or People's Front) has a majority in the legislature, while Mr. Wickremesinghe is the sole member of his United National Party (UNP) in Parliament. Mr. Wickremesinghe is yet to make an official announcement on his plans, but MPs from different parties told *The Hindu* that franticdiscussions were on to garner support for him.

Should Mr. Wickremesinghe contest, he will face long-time Rajapaksa loyalist Dullas Alahapperuma, who sits in an "independent group" in Parliament. Declaring his candidacy, the senior legislator from the southern Matara district sought the support of fellow MPs, "who believe Sri Lanka needs to embark on a new, constructive course."

Meanwhile, Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa also said he was running for the presidency, despite it being an "uphill struggle".

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Heralding a change: Demonstrators celebrating at the Presidential Secretariat after the Speaker announced the resignation of Gotabaya Rajapaksa in Colombo on Friday. •REUTERS

Rajapaksas ordered not to leave country

Sri Lanka's Supreme Court on Friday barred former Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and former Finance Minister Basil Rajapaksa from leaving the country till July 28. The order was passed by the apex court during the hearing of a petition filed by a global civil society organisation.

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IIT Madras, IISc among top institutes for higher education

JNU, Jamia Millia find place in NIRF's list of best varsities

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (IIT-M), is yet again the top higher educational institute in the country followed by the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, and IIT Bombay, according to the Ministry of Education's National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2022.

Among the universities, IISc, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Jamia Millia Islamia, Jadavpur University and Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham were among the top five. And among the top five colleges in the country are Miranda House, Hindu College, Presidency College, Loyola College and Lady Shri Ram College for Women.

The top five medical institutes are All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh, Christian Medical College, Vellore, National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences, Bangalore and Banaras Hindu University. The top five management institutes are Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Ahmedabad, IIM Bengaluru, IIM Kolkata, IIT Delhi and IIM Kozhikode.

This is the seventh consecutive edition of NIRF. It ranks colleges, universities and research institutions and also provides an overall ranking of all of them combined. Institutes are also ranked across seven subject domains, namely engineering, management, pharmacy, law, medical, architecture and dental.

A total of 4,786 institutions were evaluated on five parameters, which include teaching, learning and resources (TLR), research and professional practice, graduation outcome, outreach and inclusivity and perception.

Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said at an event held to launch the rankings that accreditation and assessment of every higher education institution will be made mandatory and all institutions will have to be part of the NIRF ranking system. He said that the two accreditation systems – NAAC and NBA – will be merged and institutes will need to have either NAAC accreditation or NIRF rank to be able to receive government funds. He also said that soon, there will be a system for accreditation of schools in the country.

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Report card

A look at the top 10 educational institutions in India, according to Ministry of Education's National Institutional Ranking Framework 2022

Rank	Institution	Score
1	Indian Institute of Technology, Madras	87.59
2	Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru	83.57
3	Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay	82.35
4	Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi	82.22
5	Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur	77.83
6	Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur	75.94
7	Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee	71.48
8	Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati	69.75
9	All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi	69.57
10	Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi	67.25

If the Ranji Trophy is strong and competitive, Indian cricket will be strong and competitive... Let the games be played over five days, instead of four. Once the fifth day is added, you will not have to worry about the pitch, it will deteriorate on its own and the spinners will come into play

AMOL MUZUMDAR
Mumbai coach

A triumph to remember: Madhya Pradesh lifted the Ranji Trophy in 2021-22. ▪ PTI

The state of play in the Ranji Trophy

India's premier domestic cricket tournament has improved over the years, but more needs to be done to bolster its relevance and health

P.K. AJITH KUMAR

By the time he was trapped lbw by Jalaj Saxena at the Saurashtra Cricket Association Ground in Rajkot on a warm Saturday morning in March, Yash Dubey had batted for 881 minutes and faced 591 balls. The 23-year-old, who was opening the innings for the first time in his career, had made 289.

It was a monumental innings, without which Madhya Pradesh would not have been able to pile up 585 for nine (declared) against Kerala in that Ranji Trophy league match. With his heroic effort, Dubey had batted Kerala out of not just that league match but the tournament as well.

Some three months later, Dubey would play another significant innings, in the final of the Ranji Trophy against Mumbai at Bengaluru. His 133 laid the foundation for another 500-plus score for Madhya Pradesh, which went on to win the match by six wickets and claim its maiden Ranji Trophy title. (Holkar won the Ranji Trophy four times in the 1940s and early 1950s before it was dissolved and replaced by a Madhya Bharat team, which later became part of the Madhya Pradesh team).

Madhya Pradesh's triumph and Dubey's innings at Rajkot tell us a great deal about the Ranji Trophy. Even the career of the bowler who denied him what had looked an almost inevitable triple hundred tells us something about Indian cricket's premier domestic tournament.

Madhya Pradesh isn't the only underdog to lift the Ranji Trophy in recent times. In the tournament's previous edition (2019-20), Saurashtra was the champion. In 2016-17, Gujarat was the winner, and a year later, it was Vidarbha's turn. Gujarat and Vidarbha, too, were kissing the Ranji Trophy for the first time.

In the 88-year history of the tournament, Mumbai has been the champion 41 times, 15 of which were part of a stunning streak of successive titles from 1958-59 to 1972-73. It has contested the final on six other occasions. Two other powerhouses of Indian cricket, Karnataka and Delhi, have been champions eight and seven times respectively.

So when teams with less strong traditions in cricket such as Gujarat or Uttar Pradesh (the champion in 2005-2006) go on to win the Ranji Trophy, it shows that the game is growing across the country. That fact is reflected in the composition of the Indian team, especially beginning with the M.S. Dhoni era.

Amol Muzumdar, Mumbai's coach and its run-machine during his playing days, believes the BCCI can take credit for the drastic improvement in the domestic game, having built the infrastructure around the country. "Every team [in the Ranji Trophy] has got a structure to it and every team has the infrastructure," he says. "There is a system in place and it is working for every team."

Better facilities

True, these days you can find excellent grounds in lesser known places such as Dindigul (Tamil Nadu), Krishnagiri (Kerala), Lahli (Haryana) or Kalyani (Bengal). The grounds are well maintained and many of them have other facilities, such as gyms, too.

But the kind of wickets you come across may not always be suitable for quality cricket. If Dubey could have been tempted to set up home on that wicket in Rajkot, there are also square turners, where lasting 15 minutes is an achievement for a top-order player.

Because of such pitches – made by the host associations to help their teams win – the BCCI had even tried conducting Ranji matches at neutral venues. That experiment did not quite work, though. Not that you don't find sporting wickets for Ranji games. For instance, the wickets at Rajkot for the matches before the decider between Kerala and Madhya Pradesh were excellent, and among the best on the domestic circuit: they encouraged both the bowlers and the batters with the right technique and temperament.

But unfortunately, for what would prove the most important contest of the group, there was a wicket on which the first innings of the team batting second was not completed. Muzumdar offers a solution. "Let the Ranji games be played over five days, instead of four," he says. That, he thinks, will take the pitch out of the equation.

"Once the fifth day is added, you will not have to worry about the pitch, it will deteriorate on its own and the spinners will come into play. And our domestic cricket lacks quality spinners. In red-ball cricket, I cannot see anyone beyond R. Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja."

The Ranji Trophy has changed in so many ways since Muzumdar's days. Earlier, it was played on a zonal basis. So you had teams like Tamil Nadu and Karnataka competing in the South Zone or Mumbai and Maharashtra battling it out in the West Zone, with the top teams qualifying for the knock-out stage. That meant fewer games, but after the teams were divided into groups irrespective of the region, everybody began to get more games.

In the pre-COVID seasons, a team would get at least eight games, even if it didn't make it to the knock-out stage.

"They opted for the current system because earlier there could be a couple of good players in a weaker side and limited opportunities would not allow them to showcase their talents," says former India opener W.V. Raman, who forced his way into the national squad with big scores in the South Zone Ranji Trophy.

There was considerably less money in domestic cricket at that time. You hardly could have entertained thoughts of making a living by merely being a domestic cricketer. After the increase in remuneration announced by the BCCI last year, a cricketer gets paid between ₹40,000 and ₹60,000 per day. So from just one Ranji match, a player can earn up to ₹2,40,000.

Diverse match-ups

Playing more games is beneficial for players – and not just financially. "The current format is far better because not only do you get more games but you also get to play different teams, unlike the zonal system when you played the same teams every season," says Jalaj, one of India's finest all-rounders, who made his Ranji debut for Madhya Pradesh in 2005-06 and then moved to Kerala.

He is one of those unfortunate players who have not been able to make the national team despite a stellar career in First Class cricket (6,368 runs at an average of 35.57 and 360 wickets at 26.91). Muzumdar thinks Ranji Trophy performances should be rewarded, citing the example of Sarfaraz Khan, who scored 982 runs at an average of 122.75 and hit four hundreds this season. And his career First Class average is 81.61 after 25 matches.

"The form won't last lifelong," points out Muzumdar, who believes a player has to be picked when in form. And he knows it; he went through several purple patches but had to end his career as one of the finest batters never to have played for India (11,167 runs in First Class cricket).

Raman played 11 Tests and 27 ODIs for India. The Ranji Trophy was his primary 'preparation' for international cricket. "We didn't have the 'A' matches, the Duleep Trophy was a level higher than the Ranji Trophy, but the gap with international cricket was huge," he recalls.

Raman is happy with the way things are in the Ranji Trophy at the moment. Dav Whatmore, the World Cup-winning coach from Australia, once told this writer that First Class cricket in India was as good as in any other country. But he said DRS had to be introduced and that the averages from the Plate division were inflated.

There have been concerns that many domestic players are keener about white-ball cricket in this IPL era. "Even junior cricketers now want to concentrate on power-hitting," says Biju George, a Thiruvananthapuram-based coach who has an eye for catching them young (Sanju Samson is among his wards). He, however, ensures that they learn how to play the ball along the ground first.

And there are men like Muzumdar who continue to remind the kids of such things at the National Cricket Academy and elsewhere. "If the Ranji Trophy is strong and competitive, Indian cricket will be strong and competitive," he says. "It is the nursery of Indian cricket."

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	PLAYER	AGE	POINTS	EVENTS
1	Daniil Medvedev	26	7,775	20
2	Alexander Zverev	25	6,850	18
3	Rafael Nadal	36	6,165	9
4	Stefanos Tsitsipas	23	5,150	24
5	Casper Ruud	23	5,050	25
6	Carlos Alcaraz	19	4,845	18
7	Novak Djokovic	35	4,770	11
8	Andrey Rublev	24	3,700	24
9	Felix Auger-Aliassime	21	3,445	24
10	Jannik Sinner	20	3,185	27
11	Cameron Norrie	26	3,155	26
12	Hubert Hurkacz	25	3,025	23
13	Taylor Fritz	24	2,975	26
14	Diego Schwartzman	29	2,325	24
15	Matteo Berrettini	26	2,280	16

Top Indians ▸

Ramkumar Ramanathan
Rank 194 ▼ 11 spots

Prajnesh Gunneswaran
Rank 292 ▲ 11 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	PLAYER	AGE	POINTS	EVENTS
1	Iga Swiatek	21	8,336	15
2	Anett Kontaveit	26	4,326	19
3	Maria Sakkari	26	4,190	20
4	Paula Badosa	24	4,030	24
5	Ons Jabeur	27	4,010	18
6	Aryna Sabalenka	24	3,267	19
7	Danielle Collins	28	3,131	17
8	Jessica Pegula	28	3,087	16
9	Garbine Muguruza	28	2,886	19
10	Emma Raducanu	19	2,717	22
11	Coco Gauff	18	2,647	16
12	Daria Kasatkina	25	2,635	20
13	Belinda Bencic	25	2,635	18
14	Leylah Fernandez	19	2,588	21
15	Karolina Pliskova	30	2,477	16

Top Indians ▸

Ankita Raina
Rank 346 ▲ 14 spots

Karman Thandi
Rank 387 ▲ 107 spots

F1 Drivers' standings

#	DRIVER	TEAM	POINTS	WINS
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull Racing	208	6
2	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	170	3
3	Sergio Perez	Red Bull Racing	151	1
4	Carlos Sainz	Ferrari	133	1
5	George Russell	Mercedes	128	0
6	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	109	0
7	Lando Norris	McLaren	64	0
8	Esteban Ocon	Alpine	52	0
9	Valtteri Bottas	Alfa Romeo	46	0
10	Fernando Alonso	Alpine	29	0
11	Kevin Magnussen	Haas	22	0
12	Daniel Ricciardo	McLaren	17	0
13	Pierre Gasly	AlphaTauri	16	0
14	Sebastian Vettel	Aston Martin	15	0
15	Mick Schumacher	Haas	12	0
16	Yuki Tsunoda	AlphaTauri	11	0
17	Zhou Guanyu	Alfa Romeo	5	0
18	Alex Albon	Williams	3	0
19	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	3	0
20	Nicholas Latifi	Williams	0	0
21	Nico Hulkenberg	Aston Martin	0	0

Max Verstappen

Charles Leclerc

F1 Constructors' standings

POS	TEAM	POINTS	WINS	PODIUMS
1	Red Bull	359	7	14
2	Ferrari	303	4	11
3	Mercedes	237	0	7
4	McLaren	81	0	1
5	Alpine	81	0	0
6	Alfa Romeo	51	0	0
7	Haas	34	0	0
8	AlphaTauri	27	0	0
9	Aston Martin	18	0	0
10	Williams	3	0	0

Badminton Men's ranking

#	PLAYER	POINTS	EVENTS
1	Viktor Axelsen	121,606	41
2	Kento Momota	112,704	30
3	Anders Antonsen	98,300	37
4	Chou Tien Chen	93,776	41
5	Lee Zii Jia	91,578	44
6	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting	87,879	39
7	Chen Long	84,400	18
8	Jonatan Christie	83,512	39
9	Loh Kean Yew	77,854	34
10	Lakshya Sen	75,874	41
11	K. Srikanth	72,481	44
12	Ng Ka Long Angus	72,007	38
13	Rasmus Gemke	70,551	39
14	Kanta Tsuneyama	67,848	34
15	Lee Cheuk Yiu	66,061	38

Top Indians ▸

Lakshya Sen
Rank 10

K. Srikanth
Rank 11

Badminton Women's ranking

#	PLAYER	POINTS	EVENTS
1	Akane Yamaguchi	111,963	39
2	Tai Tzu Ying	111,645	26
3	An Se Young	104,403	47
4	Chen Yu Fei	103,606	30
5	Carolina Marin	100,380	24
6	Nozomi Okuhara	96,560	28
7	P.V. Sindhu	94,018	44
8	Ratchanok Intanon	90,749	40
9	He Bing Jiao	83,064	33
10	Pornpawee Chochuwong	78,265	45
11	Wang Zhi Yi	72,638	30
12	Busanan Ongbamrungphan	70,294	51
13	Michelle Li	70,130	42
14	Sayaka Takahashi	66,573	35
15	Mia Blichfeldt	63,819	30

Top Indians ▸

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 7

Saina Nehwal
Rank 24

Test Batting

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Joe Root	923	923
2	Marnus Labuschagne	885	936
3	Steve Smith	848	947
4	Babar Azam	815	815
5	Rishabh Pant	801	801
6	Kane Williamson	786	919
7	Dimuth Karunaratne	782	782
8	Usman Khawaja	766	779
9	Rohit Sharma	746	813
10	Jonny Bairstow	742	772

Test Bowling

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Pat Cummins	891	914
2	R. Ashwin	842	904
3	Jasprit Bumrah	828	835
4	Shaheen Afridi	827	827
5	Kagiso Rabada	818	902
6	James Anderson	811	903
7	Kyle Jamieson	788	836
8	Kemar Roach	756	780
9	Neil Wagner	747	859
10	Mitchell Starc	739	806

ODI Batting

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Babar Azam	892	898
2	Imam-ul-Haq	815	815
3	Virat Kohli	803	911
4	Rohit Sharma	802	885
5	Quinton de Kock	789	813
6	R. van der Dussen	769	776
7	Ross Taylor	760	841
8	Jonny Bairstow	738	796
9	David Warner	737	880
10	Aaron Finch	715	798

ODI Bowling

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Jasprit Bumrah	718	841
2	Trent Boult	712	770
3	Shaheen Afridi	681	688
4	Josh Hazlewood	679	733
5	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	676	712
6	Mehedi Hasan	675	725
7	Chris Woakes	673	711
8	Matt Henry	672	691
9	Mohammad Nabi	657	657
10	Rashid Khan	651	806

T20I Batting

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Babar Azam	818	896
2	Mohammad Rizwan	794	798
3	Aiden Markram	757	796
4	Dawid Malan	754	915
5	Suryakumar Yadav	732	732
6	Aaron Finch	716	900
7	Devon Conway	703	784
8	Nicholas Pooran	667	667
9	Pathum Nissanka	661	689
10	R. van der Dussen	658	780

T20I Bowling

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Josh Hazlewood	792	806
2	Adil Rashid	724	746
3	Tabraiz Shamsi	709	821
4	Rashid Khan	709	816
5	Adam Zampa	698	743
6	Wanindu Hasaranga	668	797
7	Anrich Nortje	658	695
8	Bhuvneshwar Kumar	658	665
9	Maheesh Theekshana	647	647
10	Akeal Hosein	647	647

Locals oppose changing name of Singapura lake

'BBMP has overlooked facts'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Locals of Singapura, historically one of the earliest settlements in the city in North Bengaluru, have taken strong objection to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's move to rename Singapura lake that has a history of over 500 years.

Recently, the BBMP issued a public notice informing the general public to submit objections to renaming the lake as 'Bhagawan Buddha Babasaheb Dr. Ambedkar Lake Park'.

Villagers have objected saying that in the city, for generations, lakes have been identified with respective local names such as Yelahanka, Bellandur, Hebbal and others, and nowhere are the lakes named after personalities. They have also emphasised that they have high regard for both Buddha and Ambedkar.

Vast lake

As per records, Singapura lake is spread over 66.18 acres and falls under survey number of 102 of Yelahanka Hobli of Yelahanka taluk. At present the lake is divided by a road and a portion of the lake on northern parts spreading to 16 acres were rejuvenated in 2018 by the BBMP.

The civic body recently sought inputs for the preparation of a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for rejuvenation of another part of the lake with a grant of ₹5 crore.

"After a portion of the lake was rejuvenated, some people subverting facts, requested the BBMP to rename the lake area as a park. They say 50 odd acres located on the southern side of the road is a park which is factually wrong.

In 1915 itself, the survey number 102 was mentioned as a lake in the revenue village map and the same was also mentioned as a lake in Mysore Survey Settlement Register.

The K.B. Koliwad Committee on Lake Encroachment too had mentioned that survey number 102 is a lake and spread over 66 acres, of which 4.35 acres have been encroached upon.

Overlooking these facts, the BBMP has issued a public notice to change the name as a park. There is no park located on 50 acres of land, it is also part of the total 66 acres Singapura lake," said Mohan, a resident of the locality. Mr. Mohan an enthusiast in preservation of heritage and has played a crucial role in discovering an undocumented inscription at Singapura.

RTI reply

Earlier, in reply to queries under the Right to Information Act, the engineering section of BBMP stated that based on the request sought to renaming the lake, a revenue official of Vidyaranyapura sub-division had conducted a mahazar. The reply states that 40 acres of land on the southern side formed a wetland and there is a proposal to develop the lake. The reply states it is also inappropriate to call the said lake a 'lake park'.

Villagers in a letter addressed to the commissioner said that they have high regard for Dr B.R. Ambedkar and in the Kuvempu ward, a ground and community hall are named after Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, and a statue has been already erected. "Considering the history of Singapura , it is appropriate to retain the lake name in its original form," states the letter.

Homemaker loses ₹1 lakh online

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The South Division Cybercrime Police are on the lookout for a fraudster who duped a homemaker luring her into an online money doubling scheme and made away with over ₹1 lakh.

The victim, Rakshitha Bindu, from Kaveri Nagar in Banashankari, complained to the police on Wednesday that she received a message on WhatsApp offering to double the money that she invests.

The message also had a link to make the investment.

Ms. Bindu transferred ₹100 and she received ₹190 instantly. Excited, she then made a second investment of ₹760 for which she received ₹1,115 in her account.

She then transferred ₹1 lakh from her husband's account which she had accessed, and waited for the return, but in vain.

The police are now trying to track down the accused through the money trail.

CID seeks polygraph test for Amrit Paul

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The CID has sought to subject Amrit Paul, suspended ADGP, who has been arrested in the PSI recruitment scam, to a polygraph test. However, Mr. Paul opposed the move citing health grounds, and applied for bail on the same grounds. The Metropolitan Magistrate Court remanded Mr. Paul in judicial custody for 14 days and posted the case for arguments on polygraph test for Saturday.

The prosecution took strong objection to the bail petition. Special Public Prosecutor Prasanna Kumar argued that investigations were still in the preliminary stage and granting bail would hamper the investigation.

History of the lake

A view of Singapura lake in Bengaluru. • SUCHITH KIDIYOOR

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The Mythic Society Inscriptions 3D digital conservation project team had studied Singapura Nalapanayaka's inscription from 1528 C.E. and documented it for the first time.

As per *Bengaluru Ithihasa Vaibhava*, a magazine on Singapura brought out by The Mythic Society, the said inscription records the donation of wetlands by a Nalapanayaka (likely an official) for partrabhoga (a religious service where cultural events such as dance, music and drama are performed for the entertainment of God). The donation was made to Tiruvengalanatha temple, now called Singapura Varadaraja Temple (located close to the lake).

"From all of these, we can conclude that Singapurua mentioned in this inscription is at least 500 years old. Singapura was likely named after Singappa Nayaka mentioned in this inscription," states the magazine.

Actions to clear lake encroachments should be visible on ground: HC

BBMP engineers summoned for lack of concrete action on removing encroachments

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Observing orally that taking action to remove encroachments of lakes does not mean only corresponding with letters but it should be visible on the ground, the High Court of Karnataka on Friday summoned the engineers of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) for not taking concrete action to clear the identified encroachments on Subramanyapura and Begur lakes.

A Division Bench comprising acting Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice J.M. Khazi issued the direction while hearing a batch of PIL petitions on issues related to protection, maintenance and rejuvenation of lakes in the city.

The Bench took serious exception to the excuses cited by the BBMP counsel on behalf of the engineers that there are hurdles to removing some of the encroachments, like slums in the lake area, as they fall under a different authority, and that the engineers have written letters to the different authorities in this regard.

The Bench pointed out that it had already clarified that the law empowers the designated officers of the BBMP to act against encroachments as per the provisions of the Karnataka Tank Conservation and Development Authority Act - 2014.

What the executive engineers, who are the designated officers, have done in the last six weeks to initiate action for removal of the encroachments, the Bench asked.

Pointing out that these petitions are not adversary litigations but are meant for protecting lakes for future generations, the Bench asked the BBMP counsel to advise the officers to take the issue seriously.

While directing the designated executive engineers in charge of the two lakes to be personally present in the court on July 20, the Bench also directed the Government counsel to extend cooperation from different authorities to the designated officers in the process of clearing encroachments.

Elena Rybakina — power ranger, surprise champion, reluctant celebrity

Few expected the 23-year-old to demolish the field at Wimbledon. But she did exactly that, serving notice of her ambitions on the big stage. How did she manage it and what's next for her?

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On the surface, there was little about Elena Rybakina's statistical past that suggested she would have the tournament she had at Wimbledon.

The 23-year-old had won just two of the 61 events she had entered, with a 2-6 win-loss record in finals. She had yet to claim a WTA 1000 title — the quality of the playing field at such events ensures that success there is a reasonable indicator of the potential to do well at a Major.

Before Wimbledon, Rybakina was 17-11 in Grand Slam matches and 11-6 on grass — win-rates ranging from 60-65% aren't to be disdained, but they do not belong in the elite bracket. Moreover, she had struggled in the build-up to the Major, winning just one of three grass-court matches.

So, it was no surprise that the bookmakers didn't think highly of her odds of going all the way. They had her as a 100-1 outsider before the tournament got underway.

She came to me and she said, 'I want to be No. 1 in the world.' I was like, 'OK, take it easy a little bit. See if you can win an [ITF] $25,000.' She wins two in a row, just to prove me wrong. I was 100% sure she could win [a Major]
STEFANO VUKOV, Rybakina's coach

When she did triumph, the World No. 23 became the second-lowest-ranked women's champion at the grass-court event in the professional era, which began in 1968. In this time, just one woman ranked lower than Rybakina has won Wimbledon — Venus Williams in 2007 at No. 31, although she had been No. 1 and already won three of her five career Wimbledon trophies.

"I did not expect to be in the second week of a Grand Slam at Wimbledon," Rybakina admitted, suggesting that those who had predicted her chances, based on analytical measures of her record until then, had not differed significantly from her own expectations.

But if you had dug a little deeper into her statistical past and subjected her style of play to the 'eye test', there were signals that she could be dangerous, especially on faster courts.

Rybakina has a winning record (7-6) against players who have been ranked No. 1. She also has victories over Major winners, including Serena Williams, Garbine Muguruza, Sofia Kenin and Simona Halep — she added Bianca Andreescu to the list and beat Halep again, at Wimbledon.

Dictating play

Given Rybakina's playing style, the match is often on her racquet. She has 'the big game', with access to rangy, point-ending power through both her serve and flat groundstrokes. One coach described Rybakina as "a right-handed Petra Kvitova" and there are certainly similarities in how both players dictate play — and blow hot and cold.

"It's effortless the power I have," Rybakina said. "I never compare myself with anyone. I just know that I have this gift. I'm tall and I play really fast. It's not something I'm working in the gym or something. This is my weapon, and I'm just trying to use it as much as I can."

At 1.84 metres (slightly over six feet), Rybakina is among the tallest players in the women's game and she puts that height to good use: over the last three seasons, she has twice led the tour in aces and was fifth on the other occasion. She pounded a tournament-topping 53 aces at Wimbledon and also unleashed the edition's second-fastest serve: 122mph (almost 200kmph).

So what changed between being another youngster with the weapons to threaten the best and being able to deploy them strategically over two weeks to become a Grand Slam champion?

"The last three years ... I had very good matches, great battles, against great champions, and it was always close. In those close moments I was the one who would lose the serve or just miss. Maybe it mentally clicked [this time]. I believed in myself more in this tournament and in the crucial moments I was just solid enough to win," Rybakina said.

In addition to overcoming the mental challenges of breaking through on the biggest stage, she also had to deal with being questioned about her Russian roots right through the tournament. With Russian and Belarusian players banned from the grass-court Major following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the Moscow-born Rybakina would have been excluded had she not switched allegiance from Russia in 2018 for better funding and support.

Topic of discussion

Shifting allegiances isn't normally controversial, but Rybakina's move to play for Kazakhstan was a frequent topic of discussion at her press conferences. "I would say I'm lucky in this because the Kazakhstan federation, they were looking at the same time for [a] player to help," Rybakina said, "and they believed in me, so I was just lucky [that] we just found each other like this."

Rybakina has been guarded in her comments on the invasion. "I just want the war to end as soon as possible. Peace, yeah," she said after her quarterfinal.

But with the Russian Tennis Federation quick to claim Rybakina as "our product" — its president Shamil Tarpishchev told sports website *Championat* that "it's the Russian school after all" — she was pressed on the issue after her triumph.

"I don't know what's going to happen. It's always some news, but I cannot do anything about this," she said, when asked if the Russian government would be tempted to politicise her victory. "I'm playing for Kazakhstan a very long time. I represent them in the biggest tournaments, Olympics, which was a dream come true."

Rybakina, whose parents live in Moscow, was reluctant throughout the tournament to elaborate on how much time she spends in Russia, saying instead that she lives on the tour. Invited to condemn Russian President Vladimir Putin and the invasion, Rybakina pleaded for understanding. "I didn't choose where I was born. Kazakhstan supported me so much. Even today I heard so much support. I saw the flags. So I don't know how to answer these questions."

Long-term plan

Rybakina's win is the culmination of a long-term plan for tennis in Kazakhstan. The oil-and-gas-rich Central Asian nation has a long tradition of home-grown success in sports such as boxing and cycling but has often relied on recruiting talented tennis players from Russia.

Rybakina made the switch at 19 when her career stalled because of financial issues. The Kazakhstan Tennis Federation stepped in with an offer — represent it in exchange for the cash needed to support the global lifestyle of a tennis player. That decision four years ago has the potential now to transform tennis in the country, given she is Kazakhstan's first singles Major winner and was a step away from winning Olympic bronze in Tokyo, losing the playoff match.

What's next for Rybakina? Can she reprise her Wimbledon form at other Majors or will she add to the growing list of one-time Grand Slam champions on the women's tour?

Her Croatian coach Stefano Vukov told the *BBC* that she has the potential to keep on winning. "She is still raw in so many ways so it's a long process. We started working together at the smallest events and here we are winning Wimbledon. It's just the beginning," he said.

"I was 100% sure she could win one," Vukov added. "She was calm in big moments. I saw that she has this gift. Everybody feels the nerves but she's a very clutch player and she showed me that from the first tournaments she ever played."

I think she's one of the best from the young generation. I don't know how old she is, but she's really young, I think. She really plays good
ONS JABEUR, Wimbledon finalist

It's effortless the power I have. I never compare myself with anyone. I just know that I have this gift. I'm tall and I play really fast. It's not something I'm working in the gym or something
ELENA RYBAKINA

Rybakina believes she will go to New York next month more confident about the US Open, where she has not made it past the third round in three attempts. "The goal for this year was to be top 10 and it's still the same goal," she said. "And to try to win another [Major]. I don't think yet about the US Open. So many good players and different players just won Grand Slams in the past so I really don't know how I'm going to feel. But for sure I think I'm coming there more confident."

Rybakina's success will, however, have some less pleasant effects: she now has a target on her back and will attract more attention as a tennis celebrity, something she doesn't care for.

"Everybody is trying to help me because it's the first time and there is so much attention," she said. "It's not easy for me, because I'm a calm person. I don't really like to be in front of everybody. This part of the job is still tough for me, but hopefully everybody will help me improve in this, like I did in tennis. Let's see. Hopefully it will get better and better."

GAME THEORY

Try telling them they are rabbits with the bat

New Zealand's Trent Boult has the most Test runs of all male cricketers to have batted at No. 11. His average of 16.10 is also the highest for anyone to have played at least 30 innings in that position

MOST TEST RUNS AT NO. 11

Player	Inns	Runs	50s	Ducks
Trent Boult	70	**644**	1	11
James Anderson	166	**624**	1	22
Muttiah Muralitharan	98	**623**	0	20
Glenn McGrath	128	**603**	1	32
Courtney Walsh	122	**553**	0	27
Bob Willis	78	**452**	0	7
Brian Statham	46	**348**	0	9
Makhaya Ntini	76	**344**	0	12
Nathan Lyon	50	**336**	0	5
Josh Hazlewood	47	**260**	0	7

HIGHEST TEST AVERAGE AT NO. 11 (Min. 30 Innings)

Player	Inns	NO	Runs	Ave
Trent Boult	81	41	644	**16.10**
Nathan Lyon	50	28	336	**15.27**
Bill Johnston	33	22	159	**14.45**
Brian Statham	46	21	348	**13.92**
Allan Donald	32	17	204	**13.60**
Bob Willis	78	43	452	**12.91**
Josh Hazlewood	47	26	260	**12.38**
Muttiah Muralitharan	98	43	623	**11.32**
Alan Connolly	38	17	234	**11.14**
Makhaya Ntini	76	38	344	**9.05**

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Treading water

Players from Greece and Italy compete at the men's water polo competition at the World Aquatics Championships in Budapest, in this photograph.

Water polo is played between two teams of seven players each, over four quarters. The aim is to score goals by throwing the ball into the opposition net. Each team is composed of six 'outfield' players and one goalkeeper, who is not allowed to cross the half-way mark.

Water polo is regarded as one of the most challenging sports to play.

One reason is because it's contested in an 'all-deep' pool: the players cannot touch the bottom with their feet. The physical demands of staying afloat by constantly treading water, while competing in a contact sport, are considerable.

Tactical thinking and teamwork play critical roles. Indeed, water polo has influenced other team-sports; some of the ideas of Pep Guardiola, one of modern football's most brilliant minds, have been inspired by it.

The game's roots can be traced back to Scotland in the 1870s, when it was played as a sort of 'water rugby'. It was introduced in the Olympics in 1900 in the men's category; women's water polo became an Olympic sport a hundred years later.

Bengaluru police conduct special drive against begging; rescue 43 persons, including 28 children

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The city police, in association with the Department of Women and Child Development, and members of several NGOs conducted a special drive against begging and rescued 43 persons, including 15 women; and 28 minor children, including 14 boys and girls each, found begging at traffic junctions. The rescued children have been handed over to the Child Welfare Committee for further action, the police said. The women have been sent to the Government Home for Women. The drive was taken up from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday at all major junctions across the city. It will continue, sources said. It was conducted following a series of complaints from the members of the public, especially motorists, about the rise in begging, which many said was disrupting traffic and creating a nuisance at the junctions.

As many as 39 teams, comprising police officials, officials of the Women and Child Development Department and NGOs, have been formed and dispatched to major junctions across the city. Jurisdictional ACPs have been deputed as nodal officers to monitor and supervise the drive.

It may be recalled that a similar drive was launched in February and October of 2021 during which 1,000 people, including women and children, found begging at traffic junctions were rescued and handed over to the CWCs.

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M/s. Texport Industries Pvt. Ltd.,
Anchor Promoter Garment Unit
Presided by Sri Basavaraj S. Bommai, Hon'ble Chief Minister
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Time: 1.00 PM | Venue: Khursapura Village, Bankapura Hobli, Shiggaon Taluk, Haveri District
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Sri Shankar B. Patil Munenakoppa
Hon'ble Minister for Handloom and Textiles, Sugarcane Development and Sugar & Raichur and Bidar District In-charge Minister
Sri Arbail Shivaram Hebbar
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Sri B.C. Patil
Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture & Chitradurga and Gadag District In-charge Minister
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11 educational institutions from State on NIRF lists

IISc has yet again ranked second among higher education institutions in India

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

A view of the IISc main building in Bengaluru. • FILE PHOTO

A total of 11 educational institutions from the State have figured in the top ten lists across all categories under the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) which was released by the Ministry of Education on Friday. Three premier institutions in Bengaluru – the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in the city has yet again ranked second among higher education institutions in the country, the Indian Institute of Management, Bengaluru (IIMB), and the National Law School of India University (NLSIU) ranked as the top university in law category. IISc was also ranked first in the University and Research categories.

The State has improved its former ranking in the Engineering Institutions category with National Institute of Technology Karnataka – Surathkal claiming the tenth position. In 2020, it was placed 13th in the Engineering Institute rankings and had improved its position by three places in the 2021 rankings.

Among medical institutions, National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru and Kasturba Medical College, Manipal, ranked fourth and seventh respectively. While the State had nine medical colleges in the top 100 list, this year the number came down to six. In the Pharmacy category, two institutions made it to the top ten list and three from coastal Karnataka were among the top ten dental institutions. Manipal College of Dental Sciences slipped to the second spot this year, losing its 2021 top ranking to Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences, Chennai.

Although no representatives from the State were found in the top ten list in the category of colleges, M.S. Ramaiah College of Arts, Science, and Commerce and St. Joseph's College of Commerce found a place again among the top 100 colleges. St. Aloysius College, Mangaluru, which had made it to the list in 2021, lost its rank this time. Further, while M.S. Ramaiah College of Arts, Science, and Commerce improved its ranking by seven places, from 62 to 55, St. Joseph's College of Commerce fell in rank from 74 to 93.

The ranking parameters used by the NIRF included teaching, learning and resources, research and professional practice, graduation outcome, outreach and inclusivity and perception.

Study finds symptomatic COVID-19 cases are 8.16 times more likely to spread symptomatic infection

AFSHAN YASMEEN
BENGALURU

The findings of a study by a group of researchers has found that symptomatic COVID patients are 8.16 times more likely to cause symptomatic infection in their contacts when compared to asymptomatic cases.

The study titled "Contact tracing of COVID-19 in Karnataka, India: Superspreading and determinants of infectiousness and symptomatic infection" was published on July 11 in *PLOS One*, a peer-reviewed open access scientific journal.

The study found significant heterogeneity in the individual-level transmissibility of SARS-CoV-2 which could not be explained by the degree of heterogeneity in the underlying number of contacts.

A BBMP health official collecting swab samples for a COVID-19 test in Bengaluru. • FILE PHOTO

"We analysed contact tracing data from Karnataka between March 9 and July 21, 2020. Metrics of transmission including the reproduction number (R), overdispersion, secondary attack rate (SAR) and serial interval (defined as the interval between symptom onset of the index case and the secondary case in a transmission chain) were estimated. We found that symptomatic cases were 8.16 times more likely to cause symptomatic infection in their contacts," Giridhar R. Babu, the corresponding author of the study, told *The Hindu* on Friday.

Dr. Babu, who is part of the State's COVID-19 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and also heads Lifecourse Epidemiology at Indian Institute of Public Health in Bengaluru, said although the study was published late, the results were used in Karnataka in prioritising testing and isolation for symptomatic cases.

"Although our study was taken up during the first wave of the pandemic, the findings are relevant even now," he said.

The study has concluded that contact tracing in over-dispersed outbreaks should be strengthened, testing and tracing delays should be minimised and retrospective contact tracing should be implemented.

"Targeted measures to reduce potential superspreading events should be implemented. Interventions aimed at children might have a relatively small impact on reducing transmission owing to their low symptomaticity and infectivity. We propose that symptomatic cases could cause a snowballing effect on clinical severity and infectiousness across transmission generations. However, further studies are needed to confirm this finding," Dr. Babu added.

Three held for abduction

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Devanahalli Police arrested a gang of three who robbed an engineer and his friend. They were returning from dinner at a hotel on Devanahalli Road last Friday night. The accused Anil Kumar, 22, Subramani, 19, and Pawan Kumar, 24, confronted the victim Kiran Srinivas, 27, when he stopped the motorcycle on a deserted road to relieve himself.

The accused assaulted Kiran with an iron rod before snatching his gold chain. They threatened to kill his female friend and demanded more money. When Kiran said he did not have cash, one of the accused took him to a nearby ATM while the others held the woman hostage at the spot. They threatened to kill her if he did not pay the money or tried to act smart.

Based on the plaint, the police analyzed CCTV footage, tracked down the accused and booked them for robbery and kidnapping.

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This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **Mrs. Vaishali Vijayakumar Mantale W/o. Vijayakumar Mantale**, residing at Flat No.502, G.R.Pinnacle Apartment, Sarakki Signal, J.P.Nagar, Post, Bengaluru-560 078 intends to purchase the residential **Apartment No.902** in Ninth Floor of the Apartment building **"G.R.PINNACLE"** measuring 980 Sq. Ft. of built-up area and 269.1 Sq. Ft. of proportionate share in common areas suchas passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use and totally measuring 1249.1 Sq. Ft. of super built-up area approximately with exclusive right of usage of One Open Surface Car Parking Space on the Ground Level, which is built on the Property bearing Municipal No.42/3, New No.42/3/22, Kanakapura Road in Jaraganahally, Bangalore-560 078 from its owner **Mr. Shyam C.Menda S/o. Mr. Chatru K.Menda and Mrs. Kripa S.Menda W/o. Shyam C.Menda** have represented that there are no encumbrances and/or claims of any nature that subsists in respect of the aforementioned property. This is to give notice to the general public that any person who claims any right, title or interest of any nature or any lien, charge or enforceable right in relation to the above property and/or has any claim of any nature and/or has any objections of any nature to the proposed transaction should lodge such claim and/or objections, in writing, with the undersigned together with supporting documents within **FIFTEEN DAYS** from this date, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist and that our clients would proceed to complete the transaction, subject to clear title and other statutory compliances.
Srihari.A.V, Advocate
No.19/1, F-1, KGD Complex, CSI Compound, 3rd Cross, Mission Road, Bengaluru-560 027, Mob: 9620601075.
Email: srihari830@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE
My client **Mrs.NASEEMA AMEEN**, W/o. (Late) Mohammed Ameen Sait, has lost the Original Registered Trust Deed Document No.3272, Volume 1781, pages 131-134, dated 24/12/1973, registered in the office of the Sub Registrar-Shivajinagar Bangalore, of Immovable Property No.25, Cline Road, Cooke Town, Bangalore-560 005, has been lost or misplaced and a compliant has been lodged with the Bangalore City Police Station, on 04.07.2022, vide Lost Report No.0260457/2022.
Any person having possession of the same shall hand over to the under signed or having any manner of claim in respect of the said property shall lodge the objections within **15 days** from today, failing which it shall be deemed that nobody else has any kind of claim and the certified copies obtained from the sub-registrar office will be treated as original.
K.M.A.PERES, Advocate,
No.46/1-1, Wheeler Road, Bangalore- 560005, Mobile: 9845000414, E-mail. peresoffice@gmail.com

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Bidding Start Date: 22.07.2022. Tender Closing Date & Time: 16.30 hours on 05.08.2022.
For further details for the above work, please contact office of the Dy. CE/Bridge line/Bilaspur or website: **http://www.ireps.gov.in**
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Government of Karnataka
(Urban Development Department)
District Urban Development Cell
Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Chamarajanagar District, Chamarajanagar
E-mail:dudcchamarajanagar@gmail.com Ph No. : 08226-223761
No.DUDC/CMSMTDP-4/KGL/CR/218/2021-22 Dated : 14-07-2022
TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement portal only)
The Executive Engineer, District Urban Development Cell, Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Chamarajanagar District, Chamarajanagar invites e-procurement full time tender from eligible contractors under Kw-4 document Under Chief Minister's Amruth Nagarothana Phase-4 Project. Work details as follows. Name of work: Construction of Roads & Drains in Kollegal CMC limits of Chamarajanagara District Under Amrutha Nagarothhana (Municipality) Phase-4 Project. (DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT 133569) Amount put to Tender: 666.95 Lakhs (Exculding GST), EMD Amount: 10.00 lakhs, Period of Completion: 12 Months. Last date for submission of bids for the tender is : 16.08.2022 5.00 P.M, Prebid Meeting Venue & date: 20.07.2022 at 11.00 A.M, (Room No.127, DUDC, DC Office, Chamarajangar), Date of opening of tenders technical bids: 17.08.2022 at 5.00 P.M & Date of opening of Financial bids: Informed to technically qualified Contractors, Interested contractors shall register on the e procurement platform to participate in this tender. Contractors can download the tender documents from e-procurement platform (www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in). Tenders shall be submitted electronically at www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. EMD and tender processing fees shall also be paid electronically. For further details go through tender document or contact Office of the Project Director, District Urban Development Cell, DC Office, Chamajarajanagar during office hours.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, District Urban Development Cell, Chamarajanagar
DIPR:CHANAGAR 197:2022-23

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(Raichur Thermal Power Station)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919
BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
Tenders through GOK e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** are invited from reputed companies/agencies who are reputed individuals/company and having past experience for the work of: **1) KPCL/2022-23/PS/Work_Indent12609/09-07-2022: RTPS-Reconditioning and recommissioning of BFP cartridge (Type-MDG276 of MHI make) of Unit-4.EMD:** ₹ 58,000/-. **2) KPCL/2022-23/PS/Work_Indent 12414 / Call 2 /09-07-2022: Chemical cleaning of plate heat Exchanger plates and Compressors HP/LP water jacket, Inter cooler, After cooler of unit-1 to 8. EMD:** ₹ 32,900/-. **Last date for queries / clarifications:** 19-07-2022, 16:00 hrs. **Last date for submission of completed bids (2 Parts):** 25-07-2022, 16:00 hrs. **Date of opening of technical bid (Part 1):** 28-07-2022, 11:00 hrs. **Date of opening of financial bid (Part 2):** 29-07-2022, 11:00 hrs. Further details can be had from: The Executive Engineer (Turbine Maintenance-1), RTPS, KPCL, Shaktinagar-584170, Raichur Dist. Mobile: 9449596551

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Bank of Baroda
Zonal Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, 7th Floor, Vijaya Tower, 41/2, M G Road, Trinity Circle, Bengaluru – 560 001. Phone: 080 2501 1286, e-mail: armban@bankofbaroda.co.in, Website: www.bankofbaroda.in
POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property) [See Rule 8 (1)]
Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Bank of Baroda, Zonal Stressed Assets Recovery Branch (ZOSARB), Bengaluru under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 14.08.2020 calling upon the borrower **M/s. OMKARA BUSINESS CORPORATION,** Represented by its partners **(1) Mrs. Lakshmi Upanal (2) Mr. Sidhartha Patil and (3) Mr.Deepak Agarwal,** Having its address at No.40/1, 3rd Cross, 2nd 'H' Main Road, 11th Block, BDA Layout, 2nd Stage, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru – 560072. Also at : No. 69/B, 69/C, No.18/9 Vasanthanarasapura Industrial Area, Nagenahalli, Kora Hobli, Tumkur District & TQ – 572104. **(1) Mrs. Lakshmi Upanal D/o Mr. Prakash Upanal,** No.40/1, 3rd Cross, 2nd 'H' Main Road, 11th Block, BDA Layout, 2nd Stage, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru – 560072. **(2) Mr. Siddartha Patil S/o Saran Patil,** No.166, 12th Main Road, 10th Cross, Group 'D' Layout, Bangalore – 560091. Also at: No.166/A, 10th Main Road, 10th Cross, Group 'D' Layout, Bangalore – 560091. **(3) Mr. Deepak Agarwal S/o Shankara,** No.36, 4th Cross, Income Tax Layout, 2nd Stage, Bharathnagar, Bangalore - 560091. to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 28,80,26,855.99** (Rupees Twenty Eight Crores Eighty Lakhs Twenty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Five and Paise Ninety Nine Only) plus expenses and further interest thereon.
The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken physical possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this the **14th day of July, the year of 2022.**
The Borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the Bank of Baroda for an amount **Rs. 36,39,40,705.20/-** (Rupees Thirty Six Crore Thirty Nine Lakhs Forty Thousand Seven Hundred and Five and Paise Twenty Only) plus expenses and further interest & other charges thereon.
The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
Description of the Immovable Property
All that piece and parcel of land and building situated at Plot No. 69-B and 69-C in Sy. No. (s) 18 Part and 19 Part in in the Industrial Area, developed by KIADB, Tumkur, within the limits of Village Nagenahalli, Kora Hobli,Tumkur Taluk and District admeasuring 7300 sq. mts / thereabouts with boundaries: East by : Plot No. 43-A , West by : Plot No. 69-A, North by : 30 meters wide road, South by : Plot No.70.
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Place : Bengaluru **Authorised Officer**

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I, Gayithri Kashyap D/o Narasinga Rao K N W/o Pavan Kashyap, R/o: Fl.No.G1 A, Govianu Ace Grand, Digital Park Rd, Industrial Suburb 2nd Stage, Yeshwanthpur, Bengaluru-560022, changed my name to Gayithri M N for all purposes.

PERSONAL
CHANGE OF NAME
I, SANDEEP Torvi, S/O. Gururaj Torvi, R/O. F.No.0207, C1 Block, L& T South City Apts, Arekere Mico Lyt, Bannerghatta Rd, Blr-76, have changed name to Sandeep Gururaj Torvi vide afdvt dtd 13/07/22

I, ANIL KUMAR S/O, Gurupadappa Gobbur R/o Krishna Ikon Apt Flat No 1 A 303 Annasandra Palya Vimanapura Hal Post Banagalore 560017 have changed my name to Anil Kumar Gurupadappa Gobbur for all purposes.

I, VICTOR.V, D O B 11-03-1995 S/o Vincent & Mrs.Ganga alias Mary R/o #66,1st Main, 1st Cross, Papaiah Layout, Horamavu, South Bengaluru-560043, have renounced Christian as my religion and converted to Hinduism and changed my name to Arya vide affidavit dt: 07-07-2021 before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'luru.

PERSONAL
CHANGE OF NAME
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I, **'NITIN'**, S/o. Baldev Raj, aged about 29 years, born on 4th December 1992, residing presently at Flat No.808, VRR Fortuna, Sarjapur Main Road, Carmelaram, Bangalore, Karnataka- 560 035 have changed my name to **"ARIANA"** and gender to FEMALE vide Affidavit dated 24.06.2022 before Notary Bhagya Kumari, Bangalore.

LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE COURT OF THE VIIIth ATOL, CITY CIVIL JUDGE (CCH-15) AT BANGALORE ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 19 OF 2020
BETWEEN
ICICI Bank Ltd,
A body corporate incorporated and registered under the Indian Companies Act 1956 and licensed As a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having Registered Office at: "Landmark", Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 & having its Branch office at ICICI Bank Ltd., 11th Floor, C Wing, Mittal Tower, MG Road, Bangalore- 560 001 and represented by its POA holder and Manager Mr. Pramodh G, S/o. Gurumallappa, Age : 45 Years. **...PLAINTIFF**
AND:
Mr. Arshad Ahmed Khan **...DEFENDANT**
Summons to the defendant by way of paper publication
To,
Defendants :
Mr. Arshad Ahmed Khan, Aged about 36 years, Son of Late Shafeeq Ahmed Khan, R/at # 9,10th A Cross, Kanakanagar, Sulthanpalya Main Road, Bangalore- 560 032.
Whereas the plaintiff above named has filed a suit under Order VII Rule 1 of the Civil Procedure Code for recovery of Rs.4,99,952/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand Nine Fundred and Fifty Two Only) together with interest at the rate 18% p.a. from date of due to till the date of realizatio. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court (CCH 15) in person or by pleader on the **23rd Day of August 2022** at **11:00 a.m.** to show cause against the suit, and failing wherein the suit will be heard and determined ex-parte.
Give under my hand and seal of the Court this 4th day of July 2022.
By Order of The Court, Asst. Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore
Advocates for Plaintiff
S.M. ANEES AHAMED, B.M. KUSHALAPPA, Advocates, No. 4 (10/2), West Park Road, Kumara Park East, Bangalore- 560001.

LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE COURT OF THE .. ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH- 29) O.S. NO. 25764/2020
Between
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, #4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 067 **...Plaintiff**
And
Mr. Allwyn **...Defendant**
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Mr. Allwyn, S/o. Mr. Harry, Robin Ads, No. 2663, Diagonal Road, BDA Layout, HAL 3rd Stage, New Thippasandra, Near Bus Stop, Bangalore- 560 075
Also at
Mr. Allwyn, No.9, 4th Cross, B Sector, Ramaiah Reddy Colony, Basavanagar, Marathahalli, Bangalore- 560 037
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs.3,94,055/- (Rupees Three Lakh Ninety Four Thousand Fifty Five Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 28th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-29) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 19/09/2022 at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 29/06/2022.
BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT DEPUTY REGISTRAR, CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates, No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore-560 047

LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE COURT OF THE VIIIth ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE (CCH- 15) AT BANGALORE ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 17 OF 2019
BETWEEN
ICICI Bank Ltd.
A body corporate incorporated And registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and licensed As a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having Registered Office at : "Landmark", Race Course Circle Vadodara- 390007 & having its Branch office at ICICI Bank Ltd., 11th Floor, C Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001 and represented by its POA holder and Manager Mr. Pramodh G. S/o Gurumallappa, Age : 45 Years. **...PLAINTIFF**
AND
ANT Hill Foundation and another **...DEFENDANT**
Summons to the defendant by way of paper publication
To,
Defendants :
1. ANT Hill Foundation, Office at No. 21, 1st Floor, Thimaiah Layout, 3rd Stage, 2nd Block, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bangalore- 560 079, by its Managing Trustee, Mr. Ashok Kumar C.G.
2. Mr. Ashok Kumar C.G. Aged about 44 years, Son of Gurulingaiah, R/at. No. 207, 1st Cross, 3rd Stage, 4th Block, Sharada Colony, Basaveshwara Nagar, Banagalore- 560079.
Whereas the plaintiff above named has filed a suit under Order VII Rule 1 of the Civil Procedure Code for recovery of **Rs.2,88,177/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Eighty Eight Thousand One Hundred and Seventy Seven Only)** together with interest at the rate 18% p.a. from date of due to till the date of realization. You are hereby sommoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court (CCH- 15), in person or by a pleader on the **23rd Day of August 2022 at 11:00 a.m.** to show cause against the suit, and failing wherein the suit will be heard and determined ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of the Court this 4th day of July 2022.
By Order of the Court Asst. Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore
Advocate for Plaintiff
S.M. ANEES AHAMED, B.M. KUSHALAPPA, Advocates, No. 4 (10/2), West Park Road, Kumara Park East, Bangalore- 560001.

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MADRAS RACE CLUB
CIN: U74999TN1922NPL001455
Regd. Office : Post Box No.2639 Guindy, Chennai – 600032.
Website : www.madrasraceclub.com
Tel.No.: 91-44 22351171/2/3/5 & 22350774
Email Id : secretary@madrasraceclub.com
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021-22
Notice is hereby given that the **Annual General Meeting ('AGM')** of the **MADRAS RACE CLUB** ('The Club') for the year 2021-2022 is scheduled to be held on **Thursday, 11th August 2022 at 4.30 p.m. (IST) at the Registered Office of the Club, situated at Guindy, Chennai – 600032, and also through Video Conference ("VC") / Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM")** to transact the business, as set out in the Notice of the AGM. Instructions for Members intending to attend the AGM at the Venue and vote at the venue or join the Annual General Meeting electronically and vote electronically are detailed in the Notice of the AGM.
Notice of the AGM along with the Annual Report 2021-2022 is being sent through electronic mode to those Members whose e-mail addresses are registered with the Club and hard copy is being posted to those who do not have or who have not furnished the email id. The same will also be available on the Club's website at **www.madrasraceclub.com** and on the website of National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL), **www.evoting.nsdl.com** the service providers for assisting such members who wish to participate in the meeting electronically.
Club Members are requested to register/update their email address by writing to the Club with details of their membership number and attaching a self-attested copy of PAN Card as identify proof and self-attested copy of any document (viz. Driving Licence, Election Identity Card, Passport) in support of the address of the member at **secretary@madrasraceclub.com** or to **evoting@nsdl.co.in**
The Club has engaged the services of NSDL as the authorised agency for assisting Members in participating in the AGM electronically and for providing e-voting facility. Members can cast their vote online from **10.00 A.M. (IST) on Monday, 8th August, 2022, till 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 10th August 2022 (IST).** At the end of remote e-voting period, the facility shall be disabled. The Members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend/participate in the AGM through VC/OAVM but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again.
Only those members, whose names are recorded in the Register of Members as on the 'cut-of-date' ie. **Monday, 6th June, 2022** only shall be entitled to vote.
In terms of Articles of Association of the Club, no Club Member shall be entitled to vote at or take part in any meeting of the Club until all moneys due to the Club by him have been paid. Hence, Club Members are requested to settle all their dues on or before **5.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 3rd August, 2022** in order to cast their vote.
Queries/grievances, if any, with regard to e-voting, may be addressed to the Secretary, Madras Race Club, through e-mail at **secretary@madrasraceclub.com** OR may please visit Help and FAQs section available at **www.evoting.nsdl.com** or contact toll free No. **1800 345 4001 / 1800 309 4001.**
By Order of the Committee of Management of MADRAS RACE CLUB
S.NIRMAL PRASAD
Secretary
Place : Chennai
Date : 6th June 2022

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For a smoother construction process

A professional engineering consortium suggests amendments for new BBMP Bye-Laws. A look by **RANJANI GOVIND**

Every piece of work at a construction site needs to adhere to bye-laws.

The BBMP has prepared a draft 'BBMP Building Byelaws - 2020' upgrading its earlier by-laws published during 2003. The Association of Consulting Civil Engineers (I), (ACCE) Bangalore Centre, has discussed the draft bye-laws on different platforms and formulated a set of citizen friendly modifications to the draft bye-laws 2020. Several interactions were held with BBMP Town Planning officials also. BBMP has shown keen interest in receiving comments and suggestions from the civil engineering community to make the building bye-laws more workable, acceptable, versatile and sustainable for society to reap the benefits.

The ACCE recently conducted a 'Study Circle Meet'. It has periodically conducted such meets to discuss, debate, understand and arrive at viable solutions for varied civil engineering, civilian issues, problems faced by the consultants while obtaining building permits and problems to be tackled by the citizens during and after constructions.

The ACCE(I) Bangalore Centre has taken the responsibility of representing the civil engineering community in taking this forward to the BBMP. The emphasis given was - to implement the National Building Code -2016 (NBC-2016) in the present draft BBMP Bye-laws 2020. There were many important topics that motivated the entire civil engineering community professionals to participate, as the national-level associations such as ACCE(I), Indian Concrete Institute (ICI), Indian Geotechnical Society, INSTRUCT, Institution of Engineers and the Indian Plumbing Association were in the advisory.

> Technical provisions which are impractical to adopt in the buildings shall be either removed or replaced suitably.

A conglomerate of these bodies produced the final report on the said recommendations, and has put together a list of suggestions for the civic body to consider and incorporate.

The proceedings of the meeting were also made available to the civil engineering fraternity online by ACCE(I) Bangalore Centre.

Speaking on the matter, Shrikant Channal, Chairman of ACCE(I) Bangalore Centre, said, 'We presented details of modifications, consolidated by an expert team of associations taking considerable inputs from NBC-2016 and the experience of professional members was implemented in our draft."

What were the glaring misses in the present bye-laws that had to be added to the re-drafting of the BBMP building bye-laws 2020? Says Shrikant Channal, "Violations being nearly 95% indicates that there is something wrong with the bye-laws itself rather than blaming the end-user or the citizens. These bye-laws lack sustainability due to the absence of penalty clauses similar to any other law in force. Bringing these violations back to bye-laws compliance is almost an impossible task."

The Akrama-Sakrama scheme, for example, promulgated in 2013 was rejected by the Supreme Court and such a Sakrama scheme is unlikely to happen in future. Recently the Chennai High Court has ruled that buildings which violated norms be brought under the penalty and should be made to pay five times the normal charges for electricity, water, property taxes amongst others. "In other words the penalties can be charged based on the extent of violation which can be ascertained by the registered civil engineers/architects, which can be obtained by giving sufficient time to the building owners to submit along with the property taxes," he says.

The penalty can be stopped once the Bye-Law Compliance Certificate is obtained from the registered Civil Engineers/ Architects. This scheme will not only bring revenue to the corporation but also indirectly honor the bye-law abiding buildings/building owners, he says. "The suggestions also hinted that many technical provisions which are impractical to adopt in the buildings shall be either removed or replaced suitably."

The advisory to the BBMP bye-laws also say, application for the commencement certificate and building completion certificate should bear the signature of the constructor registered with the authority to ensure construction of any building by a professionally qualified person only. "Even the existing FAR benefits only the bigger plot owners and is against the middle class and smaller site owners. The rich and the higher size plot owners can avail a FAR up to 3.25 whereas smaller plot owners can avail FAR of only 1.75. This is clear discrimination against the middle class and the lower class plot owners."

Role of Civil Engineers

And with regard to building collapses, and the stricter by-laws that would help not see such mishaps, the advisory committee insists that only Civil Engineers issue stability certificates, and not have non-technical personnel associate with building construction activities. "The term Engineer is misused by other professions of engineering streams (Mech Engr, Elect Engineer, CS Engineer) but should be specifically mentioned as 'Civil Engineer,'" contends Shrikant.

Regarding the insistence on obtaining engagement certificates from the professionals involved in construction, he says "Engagement Certificates are the certificates to be submitted by the owner while engaging any professional for a particular job. For example, a planner may be engaged for preparing sanction plan, structural engineer for the structural designs, a constructor for constructing the building construction, etc. The other professionals such as Geotechnical Engineer, Public Health Engineer/ Plumbing Engineer, service engineers like Electrical, Fire & HVAC Engineers are not listed in the process of sanctioning the building permit at all till now.

There should be a minimum of three basic professionals made to be engaged for any kind of building, however small or big it is: Planner (Civil Engineer/Architect); Structural Engineer/designer; and Constructor/Contractor/Builder. These three professionals should be made mandatory to issue Completion Certificates of their professions respectively, after completion of the building.

Building it right

Here are some of the suggestions and amendments for BBMP bye-law 2020 made by experts of ACCE.

* In view of the building collapses in recent times and keeping safety issues in mind, NBC-2016 has made it mandatory to include set of drawings of plans, foundation and super structure drawings, service drawings including soil investigation reports for all types of buildings.

* The bye-laws have focused mainly on high-rise buildings. These types of buildings account for only 1.6% of the total buildings in the country. The bye-laws are silent on safety specifications when it comes to smaller buildings like G+4 and below, which form 98.4% of the total buildings. Eg: Bye-laws insist on earthquake-resistant designs for high-rise buildings, while no such mandatory provisions are made for smaller buildings - as though the smaller buildings will not get affected by earthquakes.

* The height of basement/ parking floor is ambiguously presented as 2.4m in some places and 2.75m in some other places of the draft bye-laws. 2.4m is impractical. Hence 2.75m should be adopted.

* Safety auditing (Structural/ Electrical/ Fire etc.,) of buildings shall be made mandatory every 5 years after 20 years' life of the building.

* There are sanction process issues that are creating hurdles for consultants. The same have to be ironed out. E.g: Monopoly of the software used. The bye-laws insist on using expensive CAD software even though lesser expensive softwares are also available. Hence the sanction process should not insist on use of monopoly software.

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Govt. bans public from taking pictures, videos in its offices

The Karnataka State Government Employees' Association had sought a ban

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

In a move that has drawn criticism, the Karnataka government on Friday issued an order prohibiting photography and videography in its offices without prior permission. This followed a petition submitted to the government by the president of Karnataka State Government Employees' Association, seeking a ban.

The corridors of the Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru. • FILE PHOTO

'Misuse on social media'
In his memorandum, the association president had alleged that while it is common for the general public to visit government offices regularly, individuals were entering the premises and taking photographs and videos of the functioning of the offices. They were then being circulated on social media "recklessly" and there was also a possibility of these being "misused", which "lower the dignity of government offices." The association said that this was causing inconvenience to women employees and officials in the offices.

Following the association memorandum, the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms has said that it is illegal to take photos and videos during working hours without prior permission of the authorities. This is applicable to all government offices, at district, taluk and village levels, besides in the State capital.

"The government has given careful consideration to the matter and is of the view that it is necessary to restrict the public from taking photos and videos during office hours of all the departments of the State government," the order said.

Lack of transparency
However, the order has been criticised by some quarters as a move that will not allow for transparency in the government's functioning.

In a release, the Karnataka Rashtra Samiti said the government is trying to use a draconian rule and it was anti-people.

"The party over the last three four years had been exposing the misdeeds and corrupt practises of the government officials using photography and videography besides exposing the lacuna in the office. This corrupt government has brought the law to prevent a pro-people movement," party president Ravi Krishna Reddy alleged, while coming down heavily on the decision.

The Janata Dal (Secular), meanwhile, has sought to know what the government has to hide that it has come up with such a draconian rule. "Are you scared that your 40% corruption will be exposed?" asked party leader ad MLA Bandeppa Kashempur.

Rahul's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' to cover 350 km in State

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU

- The Congress leader will enter Karnataka from Kerala through Chamarajanagar

The Congress' 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' to be led by party leader Rahul Gandhi will enter Karnataka from Kerala through Chamarajanagar and cover a distance of over 350 km in the State, said Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president D.K. Shivakumar.

Speaking to reporters after offering puja at Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hills in Mysuru on Friday, Mr. Shivakumar said he will arrive in Mysuru again on July 19 to disclose the details and route of the padayatra after discussing with the party leaders.

He said an emergency online meeting has been convened by the party general secretary in charge of Karnataka Randeep Surjewala on Saturday evening, which will be attended by party leaders including MLAs, office bearers, district unit chiefs, former MLAs, and defeated candidates. The meeting will also discuss the issue of summons to Congress leader Sonia Gandhi by the Enforcement Directorate in the National Herald case.

With regard to party leader Siddaramaiah's 75th birthday, Mr. Shivakumar said the purpose was to highlight the contribution of the Congress government during its previous tenure. The event is to convey to the people that the party had fulfilled all its promises to the people when it was in power, he said.

With regard to his tweet against the "roaring" lion that had replaced the "peaceful" lion in the national emblem atop the new Parliament building, Mr. Shivakumar said the emblem that was adopted when the country became independent should remain.

Earlier, Mr. Shivakumar and other Congress leaders, including KPCC working president R. Dhruvanarayan, boarded a KSRTC bus from the foothill to the hillstop shrine to offer prayers on Ashada Friday.

FIR against 3 persons for interrupting HC proceedings

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Bengaluru city police have registered First Information Report (FIR) against three unknown persons for interrupting and causing inconvenience to the proceedings the High Court of Karnataka on June 28.

The FIR, registered by the Central Cyber, Economic and Narcotics Crimes police station on July 6, states that three unknown persons interrupted the proceedings of a Division Bench comprising Justice G. Narendar and Justice P.N. Desai.

"This kind of act causes much inconvenience to the court proceedings and to the Hon'ble judges," it was stated in the complaint lodged with the police by one Vishnuteerth V., a system administrator of the High Court's Main Computer Centre.

Logged into Zoom
The three unidentified persons had logged into the proceedings of court hall number-4 through Zoom and interrupted the proceedings, it has been stated in the complaint.

The First Information Report has been registered under Section 66 of the Information Technology Act, 2000.

In the recent past, the judges have expressed anguish over nuisance caused by the people who join the court proceedings through Zoom platform even though norms state that "no person other than the advocates and the parties-in-person listed in the cause list shall login to the court hall videoconference, unless specifically permitted."

The High Court, on July 14, took serious note of some persons joining the online proceedings wearing banians, lying down on beds, etc. during the hearing of the bail petitions filed by some of the accused in the police sub-inspector recruitment scam.

Big bash to mark one year of Bommai govt.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The BJP has decided to organise a big bash to mark one year of Basavaraj Bommai as Chief Minister on July 28. The party will hold a mega rally at Doddaballapura on the day.

Meanwhile, the brainstorming session of the BJP to prepare for the next Assembly election reiterated the "Mission 150" target for its senior party leaders on Friday.

Target set
In a roadmap to achieve the target, the BJP has assigned responsibility to Ministers and senior leaders to ensure victory in one additional seat in the district assigned to them, while retaining all seats represented by the party presently. "We are 121 MLAs now and if we win one additional seat in every district, we will reach our target of 150," said N. Ravikumar, general secretary, BJP Karnataka The day-long session also saw a detailed review of the recent "below expected levels" performance in the Council and urban local body elections, sources said.

States agree on tech intervention in farming

Two-day conference comes to an end

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Narendra Singh Tomar

Following deliberations during the National Conference of Agriculture and Horticulture Ministers of States, adoption of technological interventions in various areas of agriculture has been agreed upon by the States.

The adoption of technological intervention will be in the areas of natural farming, digital agriculture, crop insurance, promotion of FPOs, and agriculture infrastructure fund, a release from Press Information Bureau said at the end of the two-day national conference on Friday.

Towards a goal
This will be to supplement the efforts of the Union government and aim towards sustainable agriculture development, which is a step forward to achieve the goal of Atmanirbhar Bharat, it added.

On Friday, Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar emphasised that the focus should be towards better implementation of the Union Government's policies and programmes in coordination with the State governments.

Crop diversification
"These interventions include effective implementation of Digital Marketing Mission, promotion of FPOs, better trade mechanism through e-NAM, PM-KISAN, and infrastructure development in rural areas by using Agriculture Infrastructure Fund. The States need to focus their attention towards crop diversification keeping in view the demand of high-value crops for income enhancement of farmers," the Minister said.

Sore over leaders not visiting victims, woman throws back money given by Siddaramaiah

Rajima Begum said leaders, Ministers meet select people and not victims like her

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BELAGAVI

The mother of a victim of the Kerur communal violence angrily threw back the money given to her by Leader of Opposition Siddaramaiah in Kulageri, Bagalkot district, on Friday, as she was upset that no senior leader or Minister had come so far to console the families who had suffered in the group clash at a dhaba near Kulageri.

Five persons were injured on July 7 when an angry mob beat up some youth sitting at the dhaba near Kerur town.

Mr. Siddaramaiah is the MLA from Badami, which Kerur town is a part of. The Congress leader, who is on a tour of Bagalkot district, stopped his car for a few minutes near Kulageri cross as local leaders wanted him to talk to some residents.

₹50,000 each
Family members of the injured, whom he earlier met at the hospital in Bagalkot, were also present in the crowd. Mr. Siddaramaiah handed over ₹2 lakh compensation, amounting ₹50,000 each, to four families whose members had been injured.

A woman throws the compensation money provided by Congress leader Siddaramaiah, at Kerur in Bagalkot district on Friday. • PTI

Just as he seemed set to get down and talk to the aggrieved, the car began moving ahead. This angered the women who had gathered, an eye-witness said. Rajima Begum, mother of one of the victims, threw the money back at a car which was following his vehicle, he added.

She was angry that no senior leader or Minister had come to see them. She told Mr. Siddaramaiah that even after a week, no one had met the affected families or consoled them. "Ministers come to the district and meet only select families. They don't come to us," Ms. Begum said.

- Five persons were injured on July 7 when an angry mob beat up some youth sitting at the dhaba near Kerur town.

Kerur town had witnessed group clashes on July 6, following remarks by BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma on Prophet Mohammad.

Later, Mr. Siddaramaiah clarified that though he had not visited Kerur, he was monitoring the situation carefully. "People are losing hope in the police due to their inaction," he said.

"Some members of the families of the injured have returned the money saying they need justice and not money. I can understand their pain. I demand that a fair probe be conducted into the injustice committed against them. It is the duty of the State government to ensure it," he said.

He also said that the four families of the injured have been convinced to accept the ₹50,000 each from him as a personal compensation.

Janata Dal (S) to support Droupadi Murmu

'Decision taken keeping the candidate as a yardstick'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Legislative Party of the Janata Dal (Secular) on Friday decided to support NDA presidential candidate Droupadi Murmu in the election to be held on July 18.

The Legislative Party's decision follows the visit of Ms. Murmu to the residence of former Prime Minister and JD(S) supremo H.D. Deve Gowda recently seeking the party support for her candidature. She had also spoken to Mr. Gowda on phone soon after her selection as Presidential candidate. The JDLP on Friday was held in the absence of its leader and former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, who is in isolation after testing positive for COVID-19 and party State president C.M. Ibrahim, who is busy with his daughter's wedding.

'Matter of pride'
"It was H.D. Deve Gowda who took the historical decision to create reservation for women. It is a matter of pride that a tribal woman is becoming the president of the country. This is in line with Mr. Gowda's aspiration," Deputy Leader of JD(S)LP Bandeppa Kashempur told reporters here after the meeting. "Considering Ms. Murmu's background and the community that she represents, the JD(S) has decided to vote for her. The decision has been taken not on party lines but keeping the candidate as a yardstick," he added.

Event deferred
Meanwhile, the party that was set to launch the 'Janata Mitra' programme on July 17 has decided to defer it by 10 days owing to Mr. Kumaraswamy being in isolation, Mr. Kashempur added.

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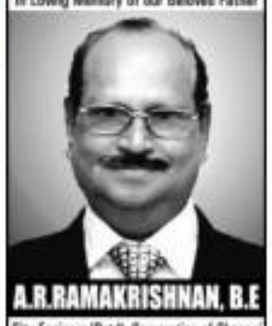

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Draft Bill seeks to give teeth to rules on language primacy

JAYANTH R.
BENGALURU

In a bid to give a legal framework and teeth to various rules and regulations on giving primacy to Kannada, the S.R. Bannurmath-headed committee has submitted the draft of Kannada Language Comprehensive Development Bill, 2022, to the government. The Bill provides for penalty for violations of rules, with fines prescribed for various offences.

Enforcement directorate

Among other things, to enforce Kannada language in all government functioning, the committee has recommended the formation of a Language Enforcement Directorate. The directorate is to have committees at the State, district, and taluk levels. The State committee will have the president of KDA and the Chief Secretary, among others, in it.

The committee has come up with the draft after holding consultations for four months with various government departments and statutory bodies. The draft was submitted to Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy. According to sources in the KDA, it is expected to be tabled in the next legislature session.

Why the Bill

The Bill comes in the context of the complaint that though successive governments have issued various orders to give primacy to Kannada in administration and in other fields, none has succeeded in fully implementing them because they are not backed by a legislation.

The committee has recommended, among other things, Kannada as the only official language for presentation of all Bills in the legislature, for Ordinances to be passed by the Governor, for orders of the government and other government organisations, industries, and cooperative societies.

It also proposes making Kannada compulsory in programme brochures and banners of government, government-funded organisations. Kannada will have to be the main language in all name boards too.

The Bill emphasises on teaching functional Kannada language to higher, technical, and professional education students, who have not learnt Kannada as a language till SSLC.

It also says that first priority should be to Kannadigas in industrial establishments and says workshops should be held to teach Kannada to non-Kannada speakers in industrial establishments with more than 100 employees.

According to the draft Bill, any negligence by an officer to implement the orders by the government about Kannada language development will be a punishable offence.

Similarly, any shopkeeper showing disregard for giving primacy to Kannada in name boards will be punishable. It will be a penalty of ₹5,000 for the first offence and ₹10,000 for the second offence. Later, offender is liable for a fine of ₹20,000, besides cancellation of licence. Disregard by a private company can lead to withholding privileges like tax exemption.

"There are many rules and regulations to develop Kannada language. But those are only on paper. This Bill will give legal strength to all those. I hope the government presents the Bill in the coming legislature session," T.S. Nagabharana, chairman, Kannada Development Authority, told to *The Hindu*.

A film personality par excellence

Actor-director Prathap Pothen left a mark in Tamil and Malayalam cinema

P.K. AJITH KUMAR
KOZHIKODE

Prathap Pothen, who died in Chennai aged 69 on Friday, made his presence felt as an actor in several significant films in Malayalam and Tamil in a career spanning over four decades. He was also a fine director.

Prathap Pothen

Prathap debuted as an actor in the 1978 film *Aaravam*, directed by Bharathan. He established himself as an actor through the director's subsequent films *Thakara* and *Chamaram*.

He excelled as a mentally challenged young man in *Thakara* and as a college student in love with his teacher in *Chamaram*. Around this time, he made a mark in Tamil cinema too, with his performances in films such as *Azhiyatha Kolangal*, *Varumayin Niram Sivappu* and *Nenjathai Killathe*. Those films were directed by some of the finest filmmakers in Tamil - Balu Mahendra, K. Balachander and Mahendran.

After working with such directors it was not surprising that Prathap wanted to make some quality films himself. The first film he directed was in Tamil, *Meendum Oru Kaathal Kathai*, in which he starred as the hero. The 1985 film won him the National Award for the best debutant director.

Two years later, he directed his first film in Malayalam, *Rithubhedam*. It was scripted by M.T. Vasudevan Nair.

Vineeth, who played one of the main characters in the film, recalls M.T. speaking highly about Prathap.

"I remember M.T. saying that he gave the script to Prathap because he had rarely come across young men who were so well read," the actor told *The Hindu*. "He was an excellent director and I had great regard for him as an actor as well."

Splendid comeback

Prathap was indeed a capable actor who interpreted the characters in his own way. Remember his portrayal of the villain Hegde in *22 Female Kottayam*, with which he made a splendid comeback in Malayalam cinema in 2012.

Award for 100th film

The same year, he gave another superb performance in *Ayalum Njanum Thammil*. After watching that film, director Fazil Kattungal cast him in *Once Upon A Time There Was A Kallan*. He played a 70-year-old in the thriller. It won him a Special Jury Award at the 2014 Kerala State Film Awards, but the film has not been released yet.

"He was excited about the film, which was his 100th as an actor," says Fazil. "We could not release the film at that time, but we would shortly be able to do it. It will be a perfect homage to him."

Farewell, my dear friend Prathap!

A co-star writes a tribute to her buddy, who wowed her with his skills

SUHASINI MANIRATNAM

Hey Prathap,

I never imagined in my dreams that I would be writing a tribute for you.

I met you in 1979, I think. You were a young actor and I was a camera assistant to Ashok Kumar.

After a few bridges were crossed and several tables were turned, I ended up acting in Mahendran's film and you played my husband.

In the film, I refused to communicate with you, but in reality we were chatting endlessly.

You were my first friend in the movie industry. Your intelligence, your sense of humour, and joie de vivre reflected on us. You lit up every set with your knowledge and wit. You made friends very easily. Right from my uncle Kamal to Prabhu to Satyaraj to Maniratnam to K. Balachander to Bharathiraja... you won hearts so easily.

You were the most reluctant star sensation in the south Indian film industry. Every director wanted to cast you, every heroine wanted to work with you. You were a technician's dream actor. Right from Stills Ravi to B.R. Vijaylakshmi, every one adored you.

You, with your Lawrence School upbringing and MCC background, your numerous friends, we were all so envious of you.

You were royal and so classy.

TRIBUTE

I saw a black velvet jacket for the first time in my life, shining so gorgeously on your shoulders.

You were there for me as a friend always. Nothing changed over the years.

I hope my other friends were lucky enough to have had as the first film co star, a star like you. May be I was the lucky one.

You moved on to writing, directing and winning the national award for your very first film.

I won't say you were an underrated genius, but you definitely underplayed your talents.

You had several nick names for many of us but you would never forget mine.

It was Jolly Kutty Mathews.

Thank you for spreading so much joy as never before... farewell my dear friend... we love you where ever you are.

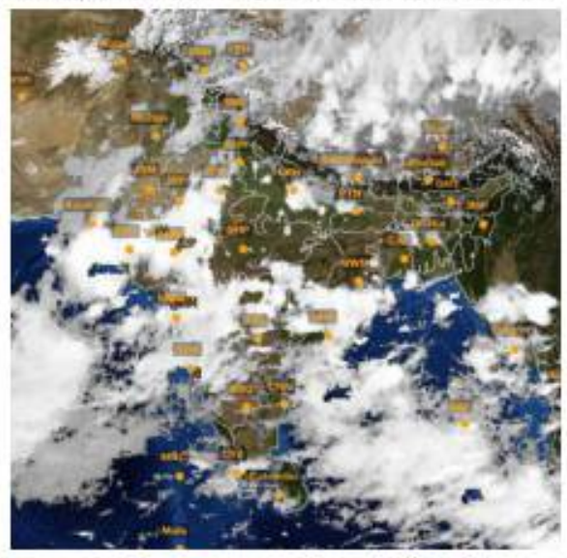
Bet that room will be filled with laughter and joy.

Yours,

Jolly Kutty Mathews. Sometimes, Mary Kutty Joyce.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 16.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Gujarat, Saurashtra & Kutch, Rajasthan, Tripura, Odisha, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Kerala. Thunderstorm with lightning/gusty winds likely at isolated places over Sikkim, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Karaikal and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	59	35.0	24.8	Kozhikode	65	30.2	22.4
Ahmedabad	31	32.1	26.3	Kurnool	0.5	33.1	24.0
Aizawl	1	30.5	22.4	Lucknow	–	38.8	28.5
Allahabad	–	38.5	28.7	Madurai	–	37.4	25.6
Bengaluru	2.2	25.6	19.5	Mangaluru	33.9	28.6	22.8
Bhopal	10	–	23.6	Mumbai	61	29.2	25.0
Bhubaneswar	11.3	31.5	25.6	Mysuru	8	27.1	18.4
Chandigarh	60	36.0	22.7	New Delhi	–	38.6	27.5
Chennai	–	36.1	28.1	Patna	8.6	36.8	26.2
Coimbatore	2	29.0	21.4	Port Blair	14	29.7	25.6
Dehradun	0.6	35.6	23.2	Puducherry	–	36.8	25.3
Gangtok	2.2	24.4	17.8	Pune	18.2	24.3	20.3
Goa	13	29.8	24.6	Raipur	11	30.0	24.4
Guwahati	2	36.7	25.9	Ranchi	14	30.2	22.6
Hubballi	–	26.0	21.0	Shillong	0.6	28.5	19.8
Hyderabad	0.5	29.2	22.5	Shimla	28	23.2	16.3
Imphal	–	31.4	22.6	Srinagar	3	27.0	17.0
Jaipur	8	35.0	28.0	Thiruvananthapuram	3	30.3	24.8
Kochi	8	29.0	26.0	Tiruchi	–	36.1	26.0
Kohima	–	32.5	18.7	Vijayawada	3	35.0	25.4
Kolkata	4	34.8	26.6	Visakhapatnam	0.2	31.8	26.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — **Yesterday**

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	37	16	41	38	62	
Bengaluru	22	34	93	–	106	
Chennai	17	16	57	63	58	
Delhi	11	22	67	121	100	
Hyderabad	5	3	75	19	35	
Kolkata	12	12	15	25	39	
Lucknow	12	57	62	68	96	
Mumbai	66	16	29	41	50	
Pune	–	15	61	27	23	
Visakhapatnam	14	41	31	47	101	

In observation made at 4.00 a.m., Samastipur, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 116 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Gummidipoondi, Tamil Nadu recorded a healthy AQI score of 12

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti-586201. Tq:B.Bagewadi Dt: Vijayapur.
Phone:08426-281027 E-mail:dam_division@rediffmail.com
No: KBJNL/DDA/DB/TND/2022-23/1165-1166 Dated:14.07.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore the undersigned invites tender on percentage basis from the eligible contractors for the work of **(1) Indent No. 21939 for Rs. 208.74 Lakhs (2) Indent No. 21910 for Rs.190.85 Lakhs. The contractor can have access and submit e-tender from 15-07-2022 to 02-08-2022 up to 5-00 PM. Pre-Bid meeting held on (I.No.21939) Dated: 25-07-2022 at 11-00Am. (I.No.21910) Dated: 25-07-2022 at 3-30Pm Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Divn. Almatti. Cover-I (Technical Bid) will be opened on 04-08-2022 at 11-00AM Cover-II (Financial Bid) will be opened on 08-08-2022 at 11-00AM** at the Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti. For clarifications office of the undersigned may be contacted during office hours (Phone No. 08426-281027). Further information about electronic tendering can be had from http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No: SEE/WMC/TKR/1642-44 Date:13.07.2022

SHORT-TERM E-PROCUREMENT TENDER

KPTCL invites tenders for the following works.

(1) Bid Enquiry No: SEE/Tr(W&M)/TKR/EE(O)/AEE-3/Enq-01 Dt: 13.07.2022 for Providing Intermediate Tower (DA+3) & (DA+0) to B3 & B4 DC 220kV line at location bearing Tower No.: 717 to 718 Mandenoor gate limits in Tiptur Taluk to prevent electrical accidents and rectification of Hazardous location pertains to Tumakuru TLM Sub-division in Tumakuru Division.

(2) Bid Enquiry No: SEE/Tr(W&M)/TKR/EE(O)/AEE-3/Enq-02 Dt: 13.07.2022 for Providing 2 numbers of Intermediate Tower (DA+0) to 220kV SC Gowribidanoor-Madhugiri line at location bearing Tower No.: 74 to 75 Handral village limits in Madhugiri Taluk to prevent electrical accidents and rectification of Hazardous location pertains to Tumakuru TLM Sub-division in Tumakuru Division.

The detailed information regarding subject enquiry in e-Procurement portal can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink e-Procurement or **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **19.07.2022** and other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer El., Trans (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Siddaganga Complex, B.H.Road, Tumakuru-2.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client, **Mrs. Leelavathi**, W/o Mr. Prakash Prasad, aged about 62 Years, Residing at No. 9, Adinayakanahalli, Kalkere Post, Honnavahalli Hobli, Tiptur Taluk, Tumkur District, Karnataka 572201.Informs that, she is the owner of the below mentioned properties and she has lost the respective Original documents of the below mentioned properties, All the below Documents are Registered at Sub Registrar's office Koratagere:-

Sy.No.39/11, Situated at Chattenahalli Village, Holavanahalli Hobli, Koratagere Taluk, Tumkur District, Totally Measuring **0.08 Guntas.**
1) **Sale Agreement Dated: 25.06.2013, Doc. No. KRT-1-01418-2013-14, CD No. KRTD186.**
2) **Sale Agreement Cancellation Dated: 11.11.2014, Doc.No. KRT-1-02141-2014-15, CD No.KRTD118.**
3) **Sale Deed Dated: 11.11.2014, Doc.No. KRT-1-02142-2014-15, CD No. KRTD118.**
4) **Sale Deed Dated: 29.08.2016, Doc. No. KRT-1-01824-2016-17, CD No. KRTD159.**

Sy.No.2/1, Situated at Chattenahalli Village, Holavanahalli Hobli, Koratagere Taluk, Tumkur District, Totally Measuring **02 Acre 25 Guntas.**
1) **Sale Agreement Dated: 25.03.2014, Doc. No. KRT-1-05277-2013-14, CD No. KRTD114.**
2) **Sale Agreement Dated: 09.05.2014, Doc. No. KRT-1-00316-2014-15, CD No. KRTD114.**
3) **Sale Deed Dated: 13.01.2015, Doc. No. KRT-1-02089-2014-15, CD No. KRTD128.**
4) **Sale Agreement Dated: 30.10.2015, Doc. No. KRT-1-02173-2015-16, CD No. KRTD129.**
5) **Sale Agreement Cancellation Dated: 21.11.2015, Doc. No. KRT-1-02405-2015-16, CD No.KRTD130.**
6) **Sale Agreement Dated: 27.11.2015, Doc. No. KRT-1-02460-2015-16, CD No. KRTD130.**
7) **Sale Agreement Cancellation Dated: 29.08.2016, Doc. No. KRT-1-01817-2016-17, CD No.KRTD158.**
8) **Sale Deed Dated: 29.08.2016, Doc. No. KRT-1-01823-2016-17, CD No. KRTD159.**

Sy.No.2/2, Situated at Chattenahalli Village, Holavanahalli Hobli, Koratagere Taluk, Tumkur District, Totally Measuring **02 Acre 25 Guntas.**
1) **Sale Deed Dated: 16.10.2014, Doc. No. KRT-1-01884-2014-15, CD No. KRTD117.**
2) **Sale Agreement Dated: 27.11.2015, Doc. No. KRT-1-02460-2015-16, CD No. KRTD130.**
3) **Sale Agreement Cancellation Dated: 29.08.2016, Doc. No. KRT-1-01817-2016-17, CD No.KRTD158.**
4) **Sale Deed Dated: 29.08.2016, Doc. No. KRT-1-01822, CD No. KRTD159.**

Sy.No.4/1, Situated at Chattenahalli Village, Holavanahalli Hobli, Koratagere Taluk, Tumkur District, Totally Measuring **01 Acre 35 Guntas.**
1) **Sale Agreement Dated: 25.03.2014, Doc. No. KRT-1-05278-2013-14, CD No. KRTD114.**
2) **Sale Agreement Dated: 09.05.2014, Doc. No. KRT-1-00317-2014-15, CD No. KRTD114.**
3) **Sale Deed Dated: 16.10.2014, Doc. No. KRT-1-01886-2014-15, CD No. KRTD117.**
4) **Sale Agreement Dated: 27.11.2015, Doc. No. KRT-1-02461-2015-16, CD No. KRTD130.**
5) **Sale Agreement Cancellation Dated: 29.08.2016, Doc. No. KRT-1-01819-2016-17, CD No.KRTD158.**
6) **Sale Deed Dated: 29.08.2016, Doc. No. KRT-1-01821-2016-17, CD No. KRTD159.**

Sy.No.4/2, Situated at Chattenahalli Village, Holavanahalli Hobli, Koratagere Taluk, Tumkur District, Totally Measuring **04 Acre 13 Guntas.**
1) **Sale Deed Dated: 13.01.2015, Doc. No. KRT-1-02088-2014-15, CD No. KRTD128.**
2) **Sale Agreement Dated: 09.05.2014, Doc. No. KRT-1-00317-2014-15, CD No. KRTD114.**
3) **Sale Agreement Dated: 27.11.2015, Doc. No. KRT-1-02461-2015-16, CD No. KRTD130.**
4) **Sale Agreement Cancellation Dated: 29.08.2016, Doc. No. KRT-1-01819-2016-17, CD No.KRTD158.**
5) **Sale Deed Dated: 29.08.2016, Doc. No. KRT-1-01820-2016-17, CD No. KRTD159.**

The said documents were lost on 04.07.2022, during transit while travelling from Adinayakanahalli to Tiptur Town. Even after lot of efforts my client is unable to find the aforesaid original documents.I urge and request the general public that, in the event any person/s coming to find the aforesaid original documents shall kindly contact immediately to **Mrs.Leelavathi**, on Mobile Number **9686038981** and hand over the original documents to my client at the aforementioned address.

FAHAD M. ALI
ADVOCATE AND LEGAL CONSULTANT
826,2nd Floor,1st Cross,1st Main,Jayanagar,1st Block, Bengaluru-11./
#50,2nd Floor,6th Cross,Mahalakshmi Layout 1st Block Bengaluru-86 Mob-9591480447.

NOTICE REGARDING LOST CERTIFICATE(S)

I, **Shylaja R. Setty** residing at 23, S.B. Road, V.V. Pura, Bengaluru - 560 004, the registered holder of the under mentioned shares held in the above said company, hereby give notice that the share certificate(s) in respect of the said shares have been lost and I have applied to the Company for issue of duplicate certificate(s). Any person having claim in respect of the said shares should lodge such claims with the Company as its above referred address within 15 days from this date, else the Company will proceed to issue duplicate certificate(s) and no further claim will be entertained by the Company thereafter.

Company Name : **Aditya Birla Money Limited**

Folio No.	Certificate No.	Distinctive Nos.	No. of Shares
00002606	1151	1039111-1040110	1000

Date : 15-07-2022
Place : Bengaluru

Name of the Shareholder
Shylaja R. Setty

Office of the Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagaluru

Tender Notification No.: 13/2022-23 Date: 14.07.2022

In the Tender Notice seen above, Tender is invited through e-proc from eligible contractors for works detailed below coming under Chikkamagaluru, Mudigere, Koppa and KadurPublic Works Department Sub Divisions of Chikkamagaluru District. Details of capabilities to undertake or having implemented the works should be attached (As per Standard Tender Document KW 2, 3 & 4). The contractors can take up the contract only if they have the minimum eligibility as per section 3. Minimum approx. amount is Rs. 21.20 lakhs and Maximum approx. amount is Rs. 500.00 lakhs.

1) Tender should be submitted through e-procurement for works of Sl. No. 1 within 4.00 PM on 16.09.2022. The said Tender will be opened, if possible, on 19.09.2022 after 4.15 PM. **2)** Tender should be submitted through e-procurement for works of Sl. No. 2 within 4.00 PM on 08.08.2022. The said Tender will be opened, if possible, on 10.08.2022 after 4.15 PM. **3)** Tender should be submitted through e-procurement for works of Sl. No. 3 to 5 within 4.00 PM on 03.08.2022. The said Tender will be opened, if possible, on 04.08.2022 after 4.15 PM. If these dates are declared as holidays, the next day will be considered. Further details can be obtained by contacting the case worker during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagaluru.

JHARKHAND INDUSTRIAL AREA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
(A GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND UNDERTAKING)
Office of the M.D., JIADA, 3rd Floor, New JIADA Building, industrial area, Namkum, Ranchi-834010
VERY SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER (3rd CALL)

Letter No. 361Dated 15.07.2022 NIT No.- **JIADA/06/2022-23**

Designation and Address of the Advertiser :- Secretary JIADA, 3rd Floor, New JIADA Building, Industrial Area, Namkum, Ranchi-834010
1. Mode of submission of tender :- Online through www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in
2. Publishing on website :- Date 20.07.2022 Up to 5.00 P.M.
3. Last Date/ Time of submission of Bids :- Date 26.07.2022 Up to 5.00 P.M.
4. Last date/Time of submission of EMD & Tender Fee(Hard Copy) :- 27.07.2022 up to 1.00 P.M.
5. Date/Time of Technical Bid opening date :- 28.07.2022 at 3.30 P.M.
6. Details of works:-

Bid No.	Tender reference No-	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Amount of Earnest money (Rs.)	Cost of BOQ (Non-refundable in Rs.)	Time of completion of work
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	**JIADA/06/Bokaro/2022-23**	Construction of Road, Cross Drain, 1m x 1m size drain near Shreya Vebrase to Spare India at Balidih Industrial Area Phase-III, Bokaro Region under JIADA, Ranchi.	23,09,478.00	**46,200.00** (Rupees Forty six Thousand Two Hundred) only	5000.00	03Months

7. The original copy of Tender fee and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) must be submitted in JIADA office up to **27.07.2022 up to 1:00 P.M**. If Tender fee and EMD are not received before mentioned date and time tender shall not be accepted.
8. Place to receiving tender fee and EMD :- Office of M.D. JIADA, 3rd Floor, New JIADA building, Namkum Industrial area, Namkum, Ranchi- 834010
9. Bid Validity :- 120 days
10. Place of opening of Technical Bid :- Office of M.D. JIADA, 3rd Floor, New JIADA building, Namkum Industrial area, Namkum, Ranchi- 834010
11. For any information/complaints the department helpline no. M.b.no.9431386208 may be contacted.
12. Further details can be seen on website- www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in.

Note: The estimated cost mentioned above in sl. No.6 column no.4 is approximate which may be increased or decreased.

PR 273774 RIADA(22-23)D

Sd/- Secretary JIADA, Ranchi

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Clients have agreed to purchase the **"Schedule Property"**, from its owners **1) SMT. YELLAMMA @ Loolavathi** and others, residing at No. 3/93, 1st main road, 3rd Cross, Kamakshimma layout, Yelahanka, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru - 560 064.

Any Person/s, Societies, Association/s, Government Authorities, Financial institution/s, Banks, Judicial authorities asserting any rights, title, interest or claim in the Schedule Property or any part thereof in any manner or having any claim/s against the Schedule Property or any documents thereof or objecting to such sale in favor of my Clients, should write or contact me **within 10 days** from the date of issuance of this Public Notice, with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regard to the Schedule Property or any part thereof, after which period, my Clients shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential vacant property bearing Site no.623, present BBMP Khata no.592/592/623, in the layout approved by the Bengaluru Development Authority in land bearing Sy Nos.1 portion, 2 to 14, 21 to 25, situated at Narasipura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, presently known as Vidyaranyapura, ward no.09, Site measuring East & West 30 Sq ft. or 9.144 meters and North & South 50 Ft., or 15.240 meters, in all 139.30 sq meters and bounded on the:-

East by : Site No.632,
West by : 30 feet Road,
North by : Site no.622,
South By : Site No.624.

For NAYARKODI ASSOCIATES
Dhiraj Nayarkodi, Advocate
#62, AECS Layout, Gedalahalli, Sanjaynagar, Bangalore-560094
Ph: 23411958, Mob: 9886755278.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to the public that my clients have intended to purchase the Schedule Property mentioned below from the owner Sri. Manjunatha. B. N S/o Sri Narayana Swamy B. N, Aged About 52 years residing at No.30, Kogilu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore Urban District. Aadhaar No.883750675591 ("the Owner").

Any persons including an individual, a Hindu Undivided Family, a company, banks, financial institution(s), non- banking financial institution(s), a firm, an association of persons or a body of individuals whether incorporated or not, lenders and/or creditors having any objection, claim, right, title and/or interest in respect of Schedule Property or any part or portion thereof by way of sale, memorandum of understanding, exchange, mortgage, pledge, charge, gift, trust, inheritance, succession, possession, lease, tenancy, maintenance easement, license, bequeath, share, assignment, lien, attachment, development rights, right of way, lispendens, reservation, agreement, FSI consumption, development rights, or any liability or commitment or otherwise or demand of any nature whatsoever are hereby requested to inform the same in writing, supported with the documents, to the undersigned address within a period of 14 (Fourteen) days from the date of the publication of this notice, failing which, the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons shall be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned.

Schedule Property

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.30, having BBMP 'B' Khatha No.1134/91/1A/30, situated at Kogilu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District and presently within the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike ("BBMP") Ward No.05, and East to West: 40 feet and North to South: 40 feet total measuring 1600 Sq. feet, along with RCC Roofed building consisting of Ground Floor, First Floor, Second Floor & Third Floor total build up area measuring 4300 Sqft. The building is with granite flooring, wooden window and all civic amenities like water, electricity sanitary connection, together with all rights, appurtenances, whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface bounded as follows BOUNDARIES : East By : Road, West By : Private Property, North By : Site No.31, South By : Private Property.

Dated : 15.07.2022

Manjunatha Reddy. R, VANYA & ASSOCIATES
Advocates and Consultants
No.1932, 15th A Cross, 9th Main Road,
Judicial layout, GKVK Post, Bangalore – 65
Email : vanyaassociates@gmail.com

BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru - 560 020

No.: BDA/TPM/CLU-44/2021-22/847/2022-23 Date: 14.07.2022

PUBLIC NOTICE
(As per Section 14-A of KTCP Act 1961)

Sri A. Gopinath have requested for change of land use from Agriculture to Residential use as per section 14-A of KTCP Act 1961 in Sy No. 165/1 & 165/4 for an extent of 2Acres-1 Guntas of Kodathi Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, which is earmarked as Agriculture Zone in RMP-2015. Applicant has stated that, if the land allowed for change of land use from Agriculture to Residential use, it would be helpful for purchase of Residential sites/units at reasonable price, it would facilitate generation of employment and taxes to the Government, it would facilitate generation of employment and taxes to the Government, it would be helpful for surrounding development and good roads, CA Sites, Park and Open Spaces will be available for public purpose.

Further, as required under Section 14-A of Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act, 1961 any person/ persons affected by this proposal may file his/her/their objections if any, to the Town Planner Member, BDA, Bengaluru within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The objections received after expiry of 15 days will not be considered.

Sd/- Town Planner Member, BDA, Bengaluru
BDA/PRO/CLU/41/2022-23

Deficit doubts

Fretting about current account deficit is warranted; fiscal space must be reassessed

In its latest review of the economy encompassing the period from June till July 10, the Finance Ministry is sanguine about India's economic recovery and has asserted that major macro-economic risks have subsided over the past six weeks. The Government's cautious optimism is tinged with impending concerns of a speedier tightening of monetary policies by the U.S. Federal Reserve and the resultant dip in asset markets, which can mar sentiment and consumption, on top of persistent geopolitical strife. But for now, interest rate hikes and measures to curtail the outflow of dollars announced by the central bank, with several steps from the government such as the imposition of windfall taxes and higher import duties on forex-drainers like gold, have been credited for lifting some of the dark clouds over the economy. Despite excise duty cuts on petrol and diesel, the Ministry believes India's fiscal math for the year will not unravel thanks to the recent tax levies, and healthy Goods and Services Tax collections (that could get healthier as some GST rate hikes kick in from Monday). Industrial metal prices slipping to 16-month lows, prices for some food items falling off their peaks and crude oil prices descending in the face of fears of a recession in many developed nations, have helped. However, if these fears do not translate into 'a sustained and meaningful' drop in food and energy prices, India's current account deficit will deteriorate in 2022-23 on account of costlier imports and tepid exports on the merchandise account, the Ministry has cautioned.

India's high import dependence for fuel means oil price trajectories affect most macro parameters, including inflation, growth, current account balances, fiscal management and the rupee. And economic policymakers are rightfully concerned about the current account deficit (CAD) widening sharply from the 1.2% of GDP last year. There is a vicious circle at work here that may take a while to break. Slowing exports and costlier inelastic imports of oil have triggered record merchandise trade deficits for two consecutive months, exacerbating the CAD which is tripping the rupee, making imports even costlier and widening the CAD further. The CAD may have hit 2.7% of GDP in the first quarter, some reckon, but if developed economies slow down as expected and shale oil supplies pick up, crude oil prices could drop lower and the full-year deficit may improve. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has assured the country of a pointed 'item by item' attack on inflation to ensure growth prospects are not hindered. If the fiscal deficit is not a concern, and tax revenues may, in fact, overshoot Budget estimates owing to high inflation, the Government can consider reviewing its fiscal capacity and think of more measures to stimulate growth and mitigate the detrimental effects of high inflation and interest rates on consumption and investments.

Time for vigilance

Increased testing and building awareness, not stigmatisation, can stop spread of monkeypox

India reported its first laboratory-confirmed, imported case of monkeypox virus when a 35-year-old man in Kerala's capital tested positive. The diagnosis was easy as the individual informed health-care workers of his contact with an infected person in the United Arab Emirates. To cut the transmission chain, people who have come in contact with him in Kerala have been isolated. The first case of the virus outside Africa was first reported in the U.K. on May 6, 2022. Since then, the virus has spread to over 63 countries – Europe has reported 8,238 cases from 35 countries as of July 12, and the U.S., 1,470 cases as of July 14. Never before has the virus spread to more than a hundred people a year during any outbreak in endemic countries except Congo. In fact, sustained transmission beyond a few generations has been rare in Africa. In contrast, the rapid increase in cases and geographical spread have primarily been due to human-to-human transmission largely during sexual contact, especially among men who have sex with men (MSM). While a few rave parties in Spain and Belgium have turned out to be super-spreader events, WHO suspects that "undetected transmission for some unknown duration of time followed by recent amplifier events" to be responsible for cases being detected simultaneously in several countries outside Africa. With cases crossing the 10,000-mark in non-endemic countries, and a large number of cases in Spain (2,034), the U.K. (1,735), Germany (1,556) and the U.S. (1,470), the risk of the virus becoming established in some of these countries is becoming increasingly real.

While the first human case was reported in 1970 in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and the virus became endemic in 11 countries in Africa causing small outbreaks, no attempts were made to study it all these years. With the virus having a free run in non-endemic countries, scientists have now unveiled many discomforting facts: the virus appears to mutate at a much higher rate than what was assumed. And, based on genome sequences from the current outbreak, they have found the emergence of a novel clade of the virus in early March. A recent study has found monkeypox virus DNA in samples of semen, saliva, urine, rectal swabs and faeces, and at high viral loads; the infectious and disease potential of these body fluids was not studied. Whether the new clade by itself has a higher potential for human spread is not known. But surely, close sexual contact is providing the virus much opportunity to spread within the MSM community. With the sustained spread and a few cases already detected in women, the possibility of spread into the general community cannot be totally dismissed. Increased testing, contact tracing and building awareness, and not stigmatising the infected people can stop the spread.

The Ukraine war and the return to Euro-centrism

The political and military aftermath of the conflict could set the stage for the return of a Euro-centric world order

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For centuries, Europe imagined itself to be the centre of the world – its order, politics and culture. Decolonisation, the emergence of the United States as the western world's sole superpower, and the rise of the rest dramatically diminished the centuries old domination of the European states and their ability to shape the world in their own image. The contemporary international order is hardly Euro-centric: dominated by the U.S., and challenged by rising great powers or superpowers, it is moving toward a multipolar order wherein Europe's system shaping capabilities have been rather limited. Or so it has been until now.

War and insecurity in Europe

The political and military aftermath of Russia's war on Ukraine could potentially tilt the current global balance and take us back to a Euro-centric world order, albeit far less powerful and dominating than its earlier avatars. For sure, the U.S. continues to dominate the trans-Atlantic security landscape and this is likely to remain so. And yet, the new security consciousness in Europe will reduce Washington's ability to continue as the fulcrum of the trans-Atlantic strategic imagination.

Second, if Donald Trump returns to the White House in 2024, the Europeans are likely to take their own security far more seriously. In any case, there is little doubt that Europe, going forward, will emerge as a major locus of trans-Atlantic security imagination. The process has clearly begun. If wars have the potential to shape international orders, it is Europe's turn to shape the world, once again. The United States, fatigued from the Iraq and Afghan wars, does not appear to be keen on another round of wars and military engagements. But the mood in Europe seems to be changing; there is a shift in narrative from pacifism to insecurity-induced militarism. And that is where the shape of the international system could well be decided.

The Russian aggression against Ukraine has led to an unmissable feeling of insecurity in Europe, particularly in Germany where this writer recently spent a week talking to officials, parliamentarians, journalists and members of the strategic community. It is as if Europe has been rudely woken up from its lazy slumber and sweet dreams about lasting peace and the virtues of pacifism. A pervasive sense of what some described as "existential insecurity" has brought about a renewed enthusiasm about the future of the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). The European Union (EU) Commission in Brussels has backed Kyiv's bid for EU candidature, and the 30-state military alliance, NATO, has two more members in its fold (Finland and Sweden) all thanks to what the Europeans call "Putin's" war in Ukraine (they make a careful distinction between Russia and Vladimir Putin).

This new military unity is not just words, but is backed with political commitment and financial resources from the world's richest economies. Berlin, for instance, has decided to spend an additional €100 billion for defence over and above its €50 billion annual expenditure on defence. It is set to announce a new national security strategy early next year, and the

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hope of 'changing Russia through trade' is no longer popular amongst most German policy makers and thinkers. While there is a deep sense of insecurity and vulnerability in contemporary Europe, there is also the belief that NATO and the EU will see better days going forward. To that extent, many consider Mr. Putin's Ukraine war as a blessing in disguise.

Impact on institutions

Germany, the engine of this new security thinking in Europe, is coming out of its self-image of being a pacifist nation. In his address in late February to the German Parliament, Germany's new Chancellor Olaf Scholz called the February 24 invasion of Ukraine a *Zeitenwende* (revolution) in the history of post-war Europe. A country that has for two decades spent no more than 1.3% on defence will now spend more than 2% to beef up its defence.

Notably, there appears little faith in the United Nations or the UN Security Council anymore in Berlin, they have decided to put their faith in a revitalised EU and NATO. It is interesting to note how quickly Europe's trust in democratic global institutions weakened in the face of a war that a non-EU/NATO member is fighting in its neighbourhood.

European states are deeply worried about globalisation-induced vulnerability and this has set in a rethink about the inherent problems of indiscriminate globalisation. What this turn away from multilateralism in favour of 'Europeanism' will do is to further undercut global institutions.

The combined effect of European re-militarisation (however modest it may be for now), its loss of faith in multilateral institutions, and the increased salience of the EU and NATO will be the unchecked emergence of Europe as an even stronger regulatory, norm/standard-setting superpower backed with military power. The EU already has a worryingly disproportionate ability to set standards for the rest of the world. Instruments such as the Digital Services Act and the Digital Assets Act or its human rights standards will be unilaterally adopted, and will be unavoidable by other parts of the world. While these instruments and standards may in themselves be progressive and unobjectionable for the most part, the problem is with the process which is unilateral and Euro-centric. There is an irrefutable ethical problem in a democratic Europe using non-democratic processes to adopt seemingly progressive measures for the rest of us.

Implications for the rest

So, what does this mean for the rest of the world? The recent statements emanating from Europe that 'democracies' should come together to defeat a non-democratic aggressor is a taste of the things to come: a euro-centric worldview of 'friends and enemies' will define its engagement with the rest of the world. India is a friend, but its take on the Ukraine war is not friendly enough for Europe!

Receding multilateralism and rising Euro-centrism would invariably mean that norm setting and system-shaping discussions are likely to be conducted by Europeans, among Europeans, for Europeans and non-Europeans, leading to fewer consultations and even lesser consensus with the rest of the international community. The EU will lead the way in setting standards for the rest of us and we will have little option but to follow that. For sure, Europe will seek partners around the world: to create a Euro-centric world order, not a truly global world order.

This unilateral attempt to 'shape the world' in its image will also be portrayed as an attempt to counter Chinese attempts at global domination. When presented as such, countries such as India will face a clear dilemma: to politically and normatively oppose the setting of the global agenda by Europeans or to be practical about it and jump on the European bandwagon.

Seen as Europe's war

The key message from the European narratives about the Ukraine war is that European states would want to see their wars and conflicts as threatening international stability and the 'rules-based' global order. Needless to mention that there is little recognition in the West today that the global non-West's political priorities are altogether different – from addressing abject poverty and underdevelopment to managing social cohesion and local conflicts. The genuine surprise in western capitals today at the lack of interest in other parts of the world about the Russian aggression in Europe, and the consequent unease about the lack of empathy from the rest of the world, is indicative of the inherent Euro-centric view of the European nations about the world.

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Stamp out this hate speech manufacturing network

The online trolling of the judiciary is a new low, highlighting a sustained and organised campaign of intimidation

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The recent ferocious attack on a judge of the Supreme Court of India by the IT cell of a prominent national political party has given the impression that there are a significant number of people opposed to the scathing judicial criticism of the former national spokesperson of the Bharatiya Janata Party, Nupur Sharma, for her remarks on the Prophet. Rather, it may well be that an overwhelming part of all religious communities would feel a sense of pride that a person of his standing would stand up to the tyranny of groups engaging in hate speech.

Pertinent questions

The criticism delivered from the Bench for the first time showed that some judges indeed have a spine and are capable of speaking the truth to power. Particularly at this time when Government interference with the judiciary is at its height (with transfers and supersessions of independent-minded judges), the pungent and fully justified remarks of the judge were like a fresh wind blowing through the country and the judiciary, and boosted the confidence of judges to stand up to executive excesses.

Equally important, the events of the past few days and the uncouth trolling of the judge raise very important questions relating to the ever-growing tendency by the Government to intimidate the judiciary. The questions that arise are: Who are these groups that attack democratic-minded individuals who speak out against injustice? Does the Government have an underground network which operates as an arm of the Government? And, are they financially supported and ideologically encouraged to engage in hate speech? Finally, what should the judiciary do to stamp out organised hate speech of this kind, whether it be against journalists, political opponents of the Government or the judiciary?

Growth, political support

In her book, *I am a Troll*, Swati Chaturvedi describes Internet trolls as persons who sow discord through inflammatory comments on the Internet. She traces the growth of this network from the early 2000s and attributes its steep upward curve to the support it received from a senior political leader in Government. 'Rightwing propaganda websites constantly peddle hate tweets and slander journalists. They are backed up by coordinated hashtag campaigns where anonymous Twitter handles retweet the same tweet continuously until trending begins'.

She gives instances of tweets of 'gory cow slaughter and imaginary instances of love jihad'. Some of them 'mock women who face sexual abuse and harassment.' They did not spare their own party leader, Maneka Gandhi, when she set up a helpline called '#IAmTrolledHelp'.

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A Twitter handle from this group engaged in sustained abuse of a well-known female broadcast journalist. Another hosted a photoshopped picture of a female actor when she joined the Aam Aadmi Party. One of this network asked for 'execution of undertrials without due process saying that the State should not bother to arrest suspects but kill in cold blood'. An extreme episode was when a Congress spokesperson 'was threatened with Nirbhaya-style rape by trolls'. In the context of pellet blinding in Kashmir, there were trolls who called for 'mass murder of Kashmiris, and the dropping of a bomb on a funeral procession'.

When journalist Gauri Lankesh was killed in Bengaluru in 2017, a Twitter handle followed by leaders of the party in power tweeted a message that had much profanity. Other journalists were also threatened that they were 'going the Gauri Lankesh way'.

The Wire reported that a network of 757 Twitter accounts was used to mount attacks against Mohammed Zubair (co-founder of fact-checking website Alt News) and the website, and that the recovery email id for the anonymous Twitter handle was that of a youth leader of the party in power. These accounts revealed sub accounts 'which exhibited multiple characteristics associated with bot-like and inauthentic behaviour posting more than 500 times a day at all hours of the day'. The purpose was to manipulate public perception about the arrest of Mr. Zubair.

Similar targeting processes were managed by 'Tek Fog' (a 'sophisticated app used by online operatives to hijack major social media and encrypted messaging platforms'); over eight lakh hostile replies were sent out to tweets by women journalists, of which over five lakh were classified as 'offensive'. The Wire commented that the handlers of 'Tek Fog' are politically aligned and that is why 'India's political elite are silent'. One of the hashtags amplified by these operatives 'reached an audience of around eight crore users'. Newslaundry has reported that this 'well-oiled propaganda machine churned out fake videos and mass tweet links to gear up for Twitter storms'.

An 'attack factory' at work

Online abuse has often led to actual violence as in the case of the attack on a prominent lawyer by persons who barged into his office. This is not surprising because, as reported by Ms. Chaturvedi, 'office bearers of the party in power have publicly supported these trolls'.

The IT cell of the Government has seen its activity expand with the induction of many volunteers and paid workers. Ms. Chaturvedi has reported that the party in power has 'created a bank of thousands of dormant Twitter accounts' to be used for 'synchronized tweeting' and 'storms'. The party also has 'bots created by the central IT Cell which tweets out identical messages simultaneously' so that they 'look like a real user'. These volunteers and employees 'were given a hit list of mainstream journalists who needed to be constantly attacked'. One of the India's most prominent and respected female journalists was attacked in 'filthy terms' and given 'rape threats'. These volunteers and employees use virtual private networks (VPNs) to 'hide the actual location of the user'.

Going back to the incident of Nupur Sharma in the Supreme Court, it is imperative that the Court understands that the country stands with the judiciary. The hate speech tweets are manufactured by a factory of a political party that produces millions of hate speeches. A criminal investigation by an independent special investigation team of the police is called for. Prosecution must follow. This hate speech manufacturing network must be crushed. This is vital for democracy to survive and for the judiciary not to be intimidated.

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Sri Lanka diary

The economy of Sri Lanka is in a shambles while the 'first family' is busy trying to escape. It is worrying that the government that may be formed in Sri Lanka could be under the leadership of those who had a part to play in the economic downfall of Sri Lanka. It is the wish of everyone that the battered nation does not slide backwards. It is suffering a lot as it is.

C. MOHAN CHANDRASEKARAN,
Chennai

■ Life has come full circle for the once all-powerful President who was dubbed 'The Terminator' for his ruthless crushing of the Tamil rebels. It is ironic that the Sinhalese who once lauded him have now disowned him. The formation of a consensus government at the earliest, followed by fruitful negotiations between representatives of the disgruntled protesters, based on mutual trust and respect is the bottom line to end this impasse.

DR. BIJU C. MATHEW,
Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

■ The developments in Sri Lanka have been shaped by the people; this is what democracy stands for. This sure is an eye-opener for all other democratic countries including India. A government that does not uphold the oaths and promises it has made to the people can expect to face a bitter end.

S. HARITHA RAO,
Wanaparthy, Telangana

■ The mass protests in Sri Lanka that eventually brought an elected regime to its knees demonstrates only one truth – that whipping up communal and religious passions and securing votes will work up to a certain point. Finally, it is good governance that pays. The Rajapaksa clan played the majoritarian card and got away with colossal war crimes and persecution of the minorities. Now, the very majority which brought them into power has shown them the door. Let us hope that the wounds inflicted by the civil war will heal and along with economic reconstruction, reconciliation happens.

SHARADA SIVARAM,
Ernakulam, Kerala

Unparliamentary words

The Opposition parties need to deeply understand the significance of winning the Lok Sabha election in 2024 and act accordingly. From that perspective, even if the Opposition accurately describes this government using expunged words (Inside pages, "Political uproar over 'unparliamentary' word list", July 15), how many voters are going to change their minds about this government and vote for the Opposition? By raising a storm over the expunging of words, the Opposition has fallen into the trap of predictability and provided more ammunition to a section of the media, which continuously builds this narrative that the Opposition opposes every move made by the ruling party for the sake of opposing. This is, of course, an issue the common man cannot relate with much, alienating the Opposition even more.

A. VENKATASUBRAMANIAN,
Tiruchi, Tamil Nadu

■ One reason why the Opposition ends up looking silly is that it has not learnt to calibrate its responses to a different style of politics. It needs to be innovative in the way it responds given this government's fondness for springing surprises. The Opposition must learn to play this game.

PREETHA SALIL,
Mumbai

Presidential candidate

One is afraid that the candidacy of Yashwant Sinha for President is fast becoming infructuous or a damp squib. It is obvious that Uddhav Thackeray has decided to support Droupadi Murmu only to avoid a further split. Needless to say, the candidacy of Ms. Murmu has taken the wind out of the sails of Mr. Sinha's bid and the parties which are supposed to support him.

C.G. KURIAKOSE,
Malippura, Kothamangalam, Kerala

Fishing in uncertain waters

With fish in the shallow waters of the coastal sea disappearing, fisherfolk in Kerala are staring at penury. **Navamy Sudhish** reports on the disastrous impact of extreme climate events, rising fuel prices, destructive fishing practices, and overexploitation on livelihoods and biodiversity

As dawn breaks, *Vitalis* slowly glides into undulating waves below an azure sky. With a sparse crew of six, she bobs towards the fishing ground some 10 nautical miles off the shore. The boat returns after five hours, its hold nearly empty. A pall of gloom settles as the fishers offload the catch and divide the meagre earnings among themselves. "This is our fourth futile trip in a row. This is supposed to be the peak season for us (traditional fishers) and we are staring at a famine," says Thomas, a fisher from Tangassery, Kollam.

With the territorial waters running out of marine stocks, the boats often venture into deep sea investing a lot of fuel, time and effort. But the shoals stay elusive and the once-abundant fields are reporting lower and lower yields.

"I have been venturing into the sea for over five decades and I don't think we can survive this ordeal. Many species, including croaker and sardine, are fast vanishing from the sea. The traditional sector is heavily dependent on oil sardine and mackerel. For several days now, boats are bringing back only pink perch and anchovy," says 68-year-old Ambrose, a fisher from Pallithottam, Kollam. Oil sardine and mackerel are pelagic fish (fish that live in the upper water column of the sea) and were once available round the year, according to fishermen. Pink perch, on the other hand, are demersal fish, or fish which are found just above the ocean floor.

Every year, Kerala imposes a trawling ban during the monsoon season to ensure the prosperity of the marine stock. Only traditional crafts are allowed to operate during the period of the ban, which lasts for 52 days from June 9 to July 31. All trawling operations till the midnight of July 31 are prohibited. But more than a month into the ban, the traditional fishers are yet to see any monsoon bounty. Though the sea is free of trawlers and there is no competition from the mechanised sector, their holds are never full.

"Many boats have stopped venturing into the sea as the catch is hardly enough to meet operational costs. We require around ₹50,000 for a brief sortie and very often the catch fetches us less than ₹10,000. Two shares of our total earnings go to the boat owner and the rest is hardly adequate to feed our families. We are all neck deep in debt," says Wilson from Neendakara.

Perhaps this was one reason that forced Esthev and Anto, two fishers from Saktikulangara, to take a risky trip despite the squally weather. As their boat, *Kanikkamata*, was idling for 12 days, they ventured into the sea on the morning of July 11 hoping for a brief respite from penury. Hardly one nautical mile into the rough sea, *Kanikkamata* capsized. While the other two crew members were rescued, Esthev's body washed ashore the same day and the search for Anto is still on.

Fishermen mend nets at Tangassery harbour in Kollam district after all fishing operations were suspended following an alert about the sea being rough. (Below): A fisherman carries home an outboard engine in Tangassery harbour following the alert. • C. SURESH KUMAR

Traditional fishers at sea

A few years ago, '*karamadi*' or '*kamba vala*' (shore seine fishing) wasn't a rare sight along the Kerala coast. With the net cast in a semi-circular shape near the shoreline and hauled together by two groups of fishers, the fishing practice targeted pelagic shoals close to the coast. "Even though the net was cast only 2-3 km from the coast, the catch was good. Today, the practice has become extinct in most parts due to the absence of fish in the shallow waters of the coastal sea. We had hundreds of *kamba valas* in Kerala earlier, but now you will find only 10 or 15," says Esho from Poonthura, Thiruvananthapuram.

Seventy-two-year-old Vasu is familiar with the sea and its intricate system of currents. An old-school fisher, he knows that the surface swimmers move in shoals and turn the brine into shades of red and black. "A whitish tint means pomfrets. The presence of seabirds and air bubbles also helps you in identifying *meenpadams* (fishing fields). A sudden change in currents or in the direction of the wind indicates natural hazards," says the fisher from Alappad. But of late sun, seasons and constellations have failed him in braving the surf. "We can no longer plan trips based on the lunar calendar as cyclones and storms emerge out of nowhere. Though we see a lot of juveniles, the catch is dipping every day. The sea is becoming unreadable. It's a very scary prospect."

There is an increasing sense of desperation in the community, says Jackson Pollayil, a fisher from Thiruvananthapuram and the president of the Kerala Swatantra Matsyathozhilali Federation. Minimum Legal Size (MLS) refers to the size at which a particular species can be caught legally. Fishers used to leave oil sardines of 10 cm in the past, capturing bigger ones. It is a prolific breeder producing around 80,000 eggs in a spawning season. "But total oil sardine landings during the last couple of years present an alarming picture. Today, fishers net oil sardines once they acquire the MLS (even though the sardines are yet to reach the reproductive stage). Due to the scarcity of fish and fall in fishing days, they are left with no other option. Since June, we have lost around 13 fishing days and the fishers are struggling," he says. "The MLS should be made 15 cm and strong surveillance measures should be maintained to save our livelihood."

Adding to their woes, the price often depends on the inflow from neighbouring States. In June 2022, the Food Safety Department had seized over 10,000 kg of stale fish from the Aryankavu checkpost in Kollam as part of 'Operation Matsya', a special drive to detect adulteration in fish. "Since Kollam contributes the largest share of total fish landings from Kerala, these consignments are sold as fresh catch. The State has around 40,000 traditional crafts and lakhs of families are dependent on the sector. Agents and wholesalers prefer the fish from other States as the commission is high. Small-scale fishers are striving hard to stay afloat as we have no facility to store the fish and ensure a fair price," says Jackson.

Woes of the mechanised sector

Meanwhile, the mechanised sector is looking forward to the end of the trawl ban and is pinning its hopes on a possible post-monsoon bonanza. "More dry months can spell doom for the sector as we have been grasping at straws. We are still reeling under the post-pandemic slump. Demersal resources are also dwindling," says Peter Mathias, president of the All Kerala Fishing Boat Operators Association.

Martin (name changed) had to go on a borrowing spree after his boats failed to generate anything near the expected revenue during the last two years. One of his boats was scrapped five months ago for a paltry ₹8 lakh so that he could pay back some loans. "Fuel prices have hit an all-time high and each trip leads to huge losses. The boat was seaworthy and I could have operated it for another 10 years. But there was no other option with soaring fuel rates, maintenance costs and a decrease in fishing days due to frequent weather warnings. The trawl ban and COVID-19 had kept our boats off waters for over four months in 2020. Right now the only thing I own is my second boat and since fishing is no longer a lucrative business, only scrap dealers are interested in it. I am keeping the second boat as scrapping it will alert my creditors. If the situation continues, we will have to end our lives like farmers," he says.

According to the association, more than 500 boats have been scrapped across Kerala in the last couple of years. An average trawler requires anything between 150 litres and 700 litres of diesel for its operations. Meeting the fuel expense is a challenge and each outing to the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) can mean mortgages, personal loans and pending bills. "The fisheries sector in the State offers livelihood to nearly 15 lakh families and our catch is worth ₹40,000 crore every year. But the government is doing nothing to protect the sector and Kerala is slowly losing its relevance as a maritime State and export hub," says Joseph Xavier Kalappurakkal, general secretary of the association. He feels all the old fishing grounds have gone dry. "Fishing depended on luck earlier too, but now it has become a matter of pure gamble. Very few trawlers return with a good catch as currents have changed their course and shoals are not visible in many parts," he says.

A vicious cycle

According to a study report presented by the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute on July 5, the Kerala coast saw a massive fall in oil sardine catch in 2021. The total landings came down to 3,297 tonnes, registering a drop of 75% compared to 2020. "This was the lowest catch of the fish after 1994 in the State. Again, this was 98 per cent lower than the annual average of sardine availability during 1995-2020 which is 1.66 lakh tonnes," says the report.

N. Aswathy, Principal Scientist who conducted a study on the impact of this on livelihoods, says the sector suffered a colossal loss due to the dip. "The annual value of sardine in the landing centres dropped to ₹30 crore from ₹608 crore in 2014, causing a loss of ₹578 crore to the sector. The small-scale fishermen who venture into the sea on outboard ring seins bore the brunt of the dwindling catch as they primarily depended upon this fish for livelihood. Even as many other fish resources showed an increase in the landings, the annual income of this group of fishers was reduced to ₹90,262 in 2021 from ₹3.35 lakh," she points out. Though the State recorded an increase in total marine catch in 2021 compared to the previous year, experts believe this is still low. In 2020, fishers had lost many fishing days due to pandemic-related restrictions and cyclone warnings. A comparison with the fish landings in 2020 does not make sense as that year was an exceptionally lean period.

Climate change might have already activated a vicious circle putting coastal ecosystems under stress. Its impact is reflected in the catch and composition in many parts. "When ocean warming increases, the fish shoals move northwards or they dive deeper. To track this properly we need excellent data from all these regions," says Roxy Mathew Koll, climate scientist at the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune. While there has been a shift in the distributions of fish stocks, extreme climate events are also changing the fishing calendar. "The increasing presence of cyclones and low-pressure areas in the Arabian Sea is another threat. Along with the number, their duration is also on the rise. While the number of cyclones has increased by 52% in the Arabian Sea, the time they spend over the sea has increased by 80% (between 2001 and 2019). The ocean absorbs 93% of heat due to global warming and the oceanic conditions often influence cyclonic circulations and monsoon winds. Weather over the Arabian sea has definitely changed and there are more fluctuations and variations compared to earlier times," he adds.

Experts point out that the change in temperatures can trigger the migration of some species and the sardine currently available in the market is from the east coast where the stock is abundant. A. Biju Kumar, Professor and Head, Department of Aquatic Biology and Fisheries, University of Kerala, says the depleting resources will hit both the livelihood and nutritional needs of the fishing community. "Pelagic fish like sardines and mackerels, which form a major part of our fishery wealth, are climate sensitive. The change in surface temperature is one reason for their absence in coastal waters and we can also see that oxygen minimum zones are increasing in the Indian Ocean. If a particular species decreases or disappears from the marine ecosystem, the entire food chain will collapse. We need a longer period of time to know the cascading impact," he says.

Resorting to unethical practices

As the crisis in the sector deepens, many boats are making exclusive fishing trips to fetch 'trash'. Large quantities of edible juveniles are brought back and despatched to the fish meal plants outside Kerala. Since agents offer a good price and take care of all the logistics, some fishers consider it an opportunity to make some quick money. "The market for bycatch has increased and we have seen crates of young sardines in carrier boats. We know it's totally unethical and we are driving the species to extinction. But in the middle of all the hardships, we are unable to resist their offer. We don't have any fixed income and our savings are always zero. What else can we do in case of emergencies," asks Louis from Aroor, Alappuzha.

As per reports, the total fish landings in Kerala also include a considerable percentage of juvenile catch which is used by the fish meal fish oil (FMFO) industry. If this continues unabated, it will be hard to replenish the fishery stocks and the practice can also bring in some undesirable changes in the marine environment. "Currently we have no system to monitor juvenile discards at sea, their quantity or species. Switching from the diamond mesh codend to the square mesh codend can reduce the bycatch of juveniles and other unwanted varieties with no commercial value. It's high time we shifted to such sustainable fishing practices so that there is less biodiversity loss," says Vinod Malayilethu, Associate Director, Marine Conservation Programme, WWF-India.

The depletion of pelagic fish has also hit the procurement and supply of Matsyafed (Kerala State Co-operative Federation for Fisheries Development Ltd) for its marts. "Over 50% shortage has been reported from some places as the current marine landings are very low. Since some sought-after varieties are fast disappearing from the carts, we are focusing on inland aquaculture," says Dinesan Cheruvat, managing director. Though the fish consumption of Kerala is largely marine, the State is dependent on supply from other States. "Kerala's total fish landings, including inland catch, comes to around 6 to 8 lakh tonnes. But in Andhra Pradesh, it's around 40 lakh tonnes and farmed fish constitutes a major portion of it. We don't have the domestic production to meet the requirement and further decline of resources will affect our consumption pattern and food habits. Along with promoting aquaculture, conservation measures should be intensified to protect the marine pelagics."

Overexploitation and destructive practices seem to be other factors aggravating the situation. "Though our recommended fleet size is 24,000, the State has over 40,000 vessels fishing in the Kerala coast. Add to it the boats from other States and the number easily goes beyond 50,000. The biggest challenge faced by fishers in some coastal districts like Kasaragod is the illegal vessels from neighbouring States," Cheruvat adds.

Fisherwomen in deep waters

The situation has also thrown thousands of fisherwomen into distress. Earlier engaged in fish vending and allied activities, they are struggling to make two ends meet. Elizabeth, a 73-year-old vendor from Kollam, says she was rendered jobless in 2021: "Now most women from the coastal belt work as maids, but nobody wants an elderly woman. Most of us are not educated and we are struggling to survive."

Kerala has nearly 50,000 women working in the fisheries sector and most of them are looking for alternative options. "By early 2022, both my sister-in-law and I had no work. All these years our day started at the harbour and we used to walk around 10 km a day to scrape a living. We both are single parents and the only breadwinners of our families," says Sheeba, a vendor from Varkala. After trying her hand at a string of jobs including rubber tapping, she now works as a cleaning staff. "The government officials keep talking about free ration, subsidies and housing schemes. But nobody is there to protect our livelihood and we are a generation with no future," she says.

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Ranil sworn in as Acting President of Sri Lanka

In his first statement as Acting President, Mr. Wickremesinghe vowed to "re-implement" the 19th Amendment, referring to a 2015 legislation that clipped the Executive's powers, in turn empowering Parliament. Urging political parties to agree on an all-party government, he said: "Put aside your personal ambitions. Put the needs of the country first." He emphasised the need for law and order, days after empowering the military to keep them under check. "There are groups that are trying to set the country on fire through fascist methods by suppressing democracy," he said.

Earlier, Mr. Premadasa was said to be exploring the possibility of teaming up with Mr. Alahapperuma, possibly as PM, but "things are still very fluid," an opposition legislator said, requesting anonymity. A secret ballot complicates the exercise, the MP explained, as there was no way to tell which way a legislator voted, despite promising support for one of the two candidates.

Irrespective of who is elected, the new President will have an unenviable task of taking urgent and likely harsh measures to arrest the country's rapid economic decline.

The change at the country's helm was sparked by the storming of the President's office and home last weekend by protesters, that forced Mr. Gotabaya to flee for his life, first to the Maldives and later to Singapore, where he is currently located. Public fury against Mr. Gotabaya and his family members, who held prominent positions of power in the government, surged this year as citizens suffocated amid crippling shortages and soaring living costs that, they said, his government failed to address.

Ban on dharnas in Parliament precinct sets off a controversy

Opposition alleges clampdown on dissent; Om Birla says circular is routine

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A fresh bulletin from the Parliament secretariat ahead of the monsoon session of Parliament prohibiting the members from using the premises for "demonstration, dharna, strike, fast or for the purpose of performing any religious ceremony," has raised a furore with the Opposition members calling it yet another attempt to bulldoze dissent.

A view of the Parliament House in New Delhi. • R.V. MOORTHY

Intervening in the debate, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla sent out a statement saying these circulars are routinely issued. Mr. Birla also urged members to maintain the dignity of Parliament by not using routine information for creating news. The parliamentary officials released copies of similar advisories issued during the Congress-led UPA government.

Congress general secretary (communication) Jairam Ramesh launched a broadside at the government calling it "vishguru's" latest salvo: "D(h)arna Mana Hai!" a play on Darna Mana Hai (Not allowed to be afraid). Replying to Mr. Ramesh's tweet, Trinamool Congress's Rajya Sabha floor leader Derek O'Brien said, "Every year they issue these notices in #Parliament bulletins. Demonstrations, dharnas, strikes, fast are part of legitimate parliamentary tactics to register protest. No stopping us. However, can you please update me. Didn't SOMEONE conduct a religious ceremony recently?"

Mr. O'Brien's Lok Sabha colleague Mahua Moitra elaborated further.

"By the way honourable MP Varanasi performed a religious ceremony on top of new Parliament building just four days ago," Ms. Moitra tweeted, without naming Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

'Muzzling India's soul'

CPI(M) General Secretary Sitaram Yechury called the circular an attempt to "muzzle the soul of India." "The more useless the government, the more cowardly it is. Such dictatorial orders mock democracy. Protesting in the Parliament House complex is a political right of the MPs," Mr. Yechury tweeted.

Rashtriya Janata Dal leader Manoj K Jha said orders like these undermine the very idea of disagreements, which are essential to parliamentary democracy. "This order is bizarre and shocking. I would urge the government, please stop this brutal assault on the right to protest. We are moving towards Sri Lanka if we continue like this," Mr. Jha said.

Om Prakash Rajbhar to back Droupadi Murmu

He says he remains key ally of SP

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

Om Prakash Rajbhar

In yet another setback to the Opposition ahead of the Presidential election, the Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party (SBSP) led by Om Prakash Rajbhar, a key ally of the Samajwadi Party (SP) in Uttar Pradesh, announced its support for the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) presidential nominee Droupadi Murmu on Friday.

Addressing a press conference in Lucknow, Mr. Rajbhar said Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had sought his support for Ms. Murmu, who comes from the tribal community, and his party had decided to support her. He maintained that he was still with the SP-led Opposition alliance on other issues.

Signs of discomfort in the Uttar Pradesh Opposition alliance have been visible for a while. Mr. Rajbhar attended a dinner hosted by the BJP in honour of Ms. Murmu in Lucknow last week and was not present at the meeting held by SP in support of the Opposition's joint candidate Yashwant Sinha.

Mr. Rajbhar did not respond to requests from *The Hindu* for a comment on the issue.

This is the latest of several friction points between the SP and Mr. Rajbhar since the Lok Sabha bypolls and Rajya Sabha and Council elections where the SBSP was denied representation.

Delhi court grants bail to Mohammed Zubair

ABHINAY LAKSHMAN
NEW DELHI

A Delhi court on Friday granted bail to Alt News co-founder Mohammed Zubair in a case related to a tweet in 2018.

"The voice of dissent is necessary for healthy democracy. Therefore, for mere criticism of any political parties it is not justified to invoke Section 153A (promoting enmity) and 295A (deliberate and malicious acts to outrage religious feelings) of the IPC," the court said.

Mr. Zubair will not walk free till he gets bail in all six cases booked against him in Uttar Pradesh.

Mr. Zubair was arrested by the Delhi Police on June 27 in this FIR, registered based on a social media complaint claiming it hurt religious sentiments of Hindus.

The tweet in question contained an image from a 1983 CBFC-approved film *Kissi Se Na Kehna* where a fictional hotel's name had been changed from "Honeymoon hotel" to "Hanuman hotel". With this, Mr. Zubair had posted the text: "Before 2014: Honeymoon Hotel/ After 2014: Hanuman Hotel".

Granting Mr. Zubair bail in this case, Additional Sessions Judge Devender Kumar Jangala held, "The applicant/accused is also stated to have used the words "Before 2014 and After 2014" to point out towards a political party. In Indian democracies the political parties are open for their criticism... The voice of dissent is necessary for healthy democracy."

Of the six U.P. cases, Mr. Zubair has been arrested in three (Hathras, Lakhimpur Kheri, and Sitapur). In the Sitapur case, he has been granted interim bail by the Supreme Court and in the Hathras and Lakhimpur Kheri cases, he is currently in judicial custody. Mr. Zubair's lawyers have already moved the top court seeking quashing of the U.P. FIRs or clubbing them together and moving them to Delhi.

As for the case over the 2018 tweet, the judge held that there was no offence in naming a hotel or institution after a Hindu god if done without malice, noting that "Hindu religion is one of the oldest religion and most tolerant". It added, "It is also not out of place to mention that the alleged tweet of the accused was made in the year 2018 but till the date of registration of the present FIR in 2022, no other complaint was received that the tweet of the accused is offensive to the Hindu community or showing disrespect to Lord Hanuman."

Identity of Twitter user

The court went on to note that though the Delhi Police had registered the FIR based on the hurt sentiment of a Twitter user, "till today during the investigation the police has failed to establish the identity of said Twitter user who felt offended by the tweet of the accused" and record their statement under Section 161 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC).

The court granted bail to Mr. Zubair on a bond of ₹50,000 and one surety of the like amount, adding that he must not leave the country without the court's explicit permission, directing him to surrender his passport to the police within three days of his release from jail.

Fadnavis meets Raj Thackeray, terms visit a 'courtesy call'

The MNS has shown a marked tilt towards the BJP recently

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
PUNE

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis visited Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) chief Raj Thackeray at the latter's residence in Mumbai on Friday.

Despite both leaders terming the meeting purely a courtesy call, it has set political mills abuzz given the MNS' heavy tilt towards the BJP in recent times.

New vistas: Devendra Fadnavis being greeted by Raj Thackeray in Mumbai on Friday. • PTI

Mr. Fadnavis met the MNS chief, who is recovering from a hip replacement surgery, at the latter's residence '*Shivtirth*' for more than 90 minutes.

"Maharashtra has a political tradition where we maintain relations with each other regardless of parties. After Mr. Thackeray's operation, many leaders went to meet him. I had even said in the Assembly that I would be meeting him soon... So, if I went to meet him, why should anybody have any problems with it?" Mr. Fadnavis said.

Sparring continues over new names for 2 Maharashtra cities

Sanjay Raut attacks Shinde-Fadnavis government

SHOUMOJIT BANERJEE
PUNE

The sparring between the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena faction and the Eknath Shinde-led rebel camp, allied with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), over the renaming of two cities in Maharashtra continued in earnest with Sena MP Sanjay Raut on Friday criticising the Eknath Shinde-Devendra Fadnavis government's move to 'review' Mr. Thackeray's final decision to rename Aurangabad and Osmanabad cities to 'Sambhajinagar' and 'Dharashiv' respectively.

The renaming of Aurangabad to 'Sambhajinagar' – first mooted by the late Sena founder Bal Thackeray in the 1980s – had been a flashpoint between the Mr. Thackeray-led Sena and the BJP, after the latter accused the former for going 'soft' on Hindutva following Mr. Thackeray's alliance with the ideologically opposed Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and the Congress.

Amid reports that the newly-formed Shinde government had decided to "review" Mr. Thackeray's eleventh-hour decisions, Mr. Raut attacked the new government for trying to postpone the decision to rename the cities.

"Is Aurangzeb now a relative of this new [Shinde-Fadnavis] government? These were the very people who were criticising us for tardiness on renaming Aurangabad [named after Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb] to 'Sambhajinagar' [Chhatrapati Sambhaji whom Aurangzeb killed]. They accused us of forsaking 'Hindutva'. And now they are pushing the renaming issue away despite Mr. Thackeray already having taken that decision," said Mr. Raut, speaking in Nagpur on Friday.

However, shortly after, Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis hit back at Mr. Raut, clarifying that the decision to rename the cities had not been put on hold.

Two dead in firing inside Army camp

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR

Two soldiers were killed and two others were injured in an incident of firing inside an Army camp in Poonch's Surankote area on Friday morning.

The Army confirmed that two soldiers died. They were identified as Sepoy Abrar Ahmed and naik Imtiaz Ahmed. "Abrar was brought dead to a hospital and Imtiaz succumbed to his injuries later," official sources said.

Two other injured were airlifted to the Army hospital in Udhampur.

The Army has issued no statement on the incident and refused to reveal the cause behind the firing.

Rubaiya identifies Yasin Malik, three others as abductors

Her next hearing in 1989 kidnapping case is on August 23

PEERZADA ASHIQ
JAMMU

Rubaiya Sayeed, daughter of former Union Home Minister Mufti Muhammad Sayeed, on Friday identified Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) chief Yasin Malik, 56, and three others as her abductors in the 1989 kidnapping case. She was making her statement before a special CBI court in Jammu. The abduction led to the release of five jailed militants.

Legal proceedings: Rubaiya Sayeed arriving to appear before the court in Jammu on Friday. • PTI

"When she made her statement (before the court) she categorically stated that he (Yasin Malik) is the one. She said he is the one and his name is Yasin Malik. When asked questions about Malik and photographs were shown, she specifically stated 'I remember him categorically'," advocate Monica Kohli told *The Hindu*.

Ms. Sayeed is former J&K CM and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) president Mehbooba Mufti's sister. Her next hearing is on August 23.

Dalai Lama's month-long visit to Ladakh begins

'Solve border issues through talks'

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Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama on Friday, began his month-long visit to Ladakh, and said India-China border disputes should be resolved through "talks and peaceful means", as use of military is an outdated option.

Dalai Lama

"India and China are most populated countries and neighbours. Sooner or later, you have to solve this problem (border disputes along the Line of Actual Control) through talks and peaceful means," the Dalai Lama told reporters in Jammu, before leaving for Ladakh. "Use of military force is outdated now," he said.

A top government functionary said the visit of the Dalai Lama to Ladakh was a "completely religious" one, and no one should have any objections to the tour.

The government functionary said it was not for the first time that the Dalai Lama was visiting a border region.

The Hindu BusinessLine Cerebration Quiz is back

Winners will take home prize money worth up to ₹1.5 lakh

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Are you a corporate genius waiting to be identified? Here's an opportunity for you. *The Hindu BusinessLine* is back with the 19th edition of Cerebration Quiz 2022, one of India's biggest corporate quiz championships.

The quiz is open to business professionals, corporate executives, MBA aspirants, and students from India's B-schools. Registration for the quiz is open till July 22 where participants will be asked to answer 25 questions to qualify for the regional round.

The top six contestants from each city will compete in the virtual regional finals to be held from July 31 to August 15. On August 28, winners of the regional finals from six cities, including Chennai, Bengaluru and Delhi, will battle it out for the coveted title at an event in Mumbai. Winners will take home prize money worth up to ₹1.5 lakh. While the first prize will be ₹75,000, second and third prizes will be ₹50,000 and ₹25,000 respectively.

Participants can register at bit.ly/BLQUIZ22 and take the quiz or scan the QR code. Union Bank of India is the title sponsor of BusinessLine Cerebration Quiz 2022, which is powered by ManageEngine.

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Gandhi museum brings out magazine on Savarkar

Choice of theme sparks criticism from Gandhians

DAMINI NATH
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NEW DELHI

The national memorial and museum dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi has brought out a special edition of its monthly magazine dedicated to Hindutva leader Vinayak Damodar Savarkar – a choice that has sparked criticism from Gandhians and Opposition leaders.

The June issue of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti's (GSDS) Hindi language magazine, *Antim Jan*, features Savarkar on the cover and articles re-printed from the works of Gandhi on religious tolerance, Savarkar on Hindutva and late Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee on Savarkar. A portion from Savarkar's book *Hindutva* has been adapted for an article with the same title. It also includes articles by other writers on "Deshbhakt Savarkar" (patriot Savarkar) and "Veer Savarkar and Mahatma Gandhi". An article by the editor of the magazine, Praveen Dutt Sharma, titled "Gandhi ka Gussa" (Gandhi's anger) has been included as well.

GSDS vice-chairperson Vijay Goel told *The Hindu* on Friday that the magazine's theme was dedicated to Savarkar as it was his birth anniversary on May 28. "Veer Savarkar was a great man. So was Gandhi, so was Patel. We have to learn from their sacrifice. No one else spent as much time behind bars as Savarkar during the British rule." Asked about the controversy surrounding Savarkar's mercy petitions to the British while in jail, Mr. Goel said the issue was always raised by "those who have not sacrificed at all". He added that the magazine would continue to publish special issues dedicated to freedom fighters and the August issue would have the theme of 'Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' to mark 75 years of Independence.

The GSDS, which is chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, oversees Gandhi Smriti – the home on Tees January Marg where Gandhi was assassinated in 1948 and converted into a museum dedicated to him – and Gandhi Darshan, which is the memorial at Rajghat.

Reacting to the magazine's theme, Tushar Gandhi, Mahatma Gandhi's great-grandson said it was a travesty. "It is going to happen more and more with this administration that is controlling the Gandhian institutions. That is where the danger of political ideology overpowering the ideology of Gandhi exists. This is all very planned strategy of corrupting Gandhian ideology and creating a new narrative which is convenient for the present regime," Mr. Gandhi said.

Congress leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said the Centre was trying to subvert the institution of Gandhi Smriti like it was doing to other institutions. "Savarkar is being lionised. This is the agenda of the RSS. But history speaks volumes of Savarkar's stand towards British imperialism. The history of the country is being distorted to satisfy the present government. This is very unfortunate."

Author and journalist Dhirendra K Jha said Savarkar was an accused in Gandhi's assassination, although he was let off because charges against him were not corroborated.

"But at that time, the conspiracy angle of Gandhi's murder was not investigated properly. Kapur Commission of enquiry to investigate the conspiracy behind the murder of Gandhi was set up much later in 1966. The commission clearly said that Savarkar and a group of people under him planned to kill Gandhi. The benefit of doubt Savarkar got during the murder trial should not be seen as complete acquittal for Savarkar," Mr. Jha said.

Bangladesh on path of modernisation: Rajnath

He says Pakistan should learn from India's eastern neighbour

SHIV SAHAY SINGH
KOLKATA

Lauding the socio-economic development ushered in by Bangladesh, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday said Pakistan should introspect and learn a lot of things from India's eastern neighbour.

"One of our neighbouring countries is struggling with religious fanaticism, bigotry and narrow-mindedness. The country itself is struggling with poverty, unemployment and terrorism and sometimes it tries to harass India also. That country needs to introspect and learn a lot from Bangladesh," he said at an event in Kolkata. While Mr. Singh did not name Pakistan, his remarks were clearly directed at the western neighbour.

The P17A stealth frigate 'Dunagiri' ship built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders Limited (GRSE), after its launch in Kolkata. (Right) Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launches the ship in presence of Navy Chief Admiral R. Hari Kumar. •PTI

The Defence Minister said India, as a neighbour, was happy that Bangladesh was moving fast on the path of development. Mr. Singh said Bangladesh had shunned religious fanaticism and taken the path to modernisation, moderation and secularism. "The kind of socio-economic development ushered in by Bangladesh is an example for several countries in the world," he said.

Mr. Singh expressed hope that in times to come, Bangladesh would reach greater heights. "India has stood by Bangladesh in sectors such as health, education, economy, connectivity, and security and will continue to do so in the future," he added.

The remarks by the Defence Minister come at a time when Bangladesh is celebrating 50 years of its Independence.

Mr. Singh was in Kolkata to attend the launch of 'Dunagiri', a Project 17A frigate at Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Limited. "If India is increasing its strength, it is not only for itself but also for its friends," the Defence Minister said, adding that India wanted friendly ties with all its neighbours. Regarding the crisis in Sri Lanka, Mr. Singh said India was trying to extend all possible help. "We are aware of the difficult times through which Sri Lanka is passing through. COVID-19 has affected us also. Despite that, we are extending all possible help to our friend Sri Lanka," he said.

MSME to help in naval shipbuilding

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

In all future shipbuilding contracts of the Navy, 88% of them on cost basis, amounting to investments of nearly ₹1,75,000 crore, are being progressed through Indian enterprises, Navy Chief Admiral R. Hari Kumar said on Friday. He was attending the launch of the fourth Project-17A stealth frigate 'Dunagiri' at the Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE) in Kolkata.

29 Indian original equipment manufacturers and micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) are contributing to this project, Admiral Kumar said.

36 Rafale jets delivered to India: French envoy

35 jets have arrived; one still in France

DINAKAR PERI
NEW DELHI

France has delivered all 36 Rafale fighter jets to India, said the French Envoy in India, Emmanuel Lenain, speaking on the sidelines of the French National Day celebrations on Thursday.

However, while 35 jets have arrived in India, one jet still remains in France, official sources said.

One Rafale jet, which is the instrumented aircraft on which the 13 India specific enhancements (ISE) are being tested, is still in France, an official source said on Friday.

The last batch of three Rafale jets had arrived in India in February, taking the total Rafale jets in inventory of the Indian Air Force to 35. As reported by *The Hindu* earlier, work on upgrading all the Rafale jets in service to the Indian standard configuration with the 13 ISE is currently underway in India.

The naval variant of the French jet, Rafale-M, is in the race along with Boeing F-18 Super Hornet for the Indian Navy's tender for jets to operate from its aircraft carriers. In January, the Rafale-M had demonstrated its compatibility by operating from the Navy's shore-based test facility in Goa, while the F-18 carried out demonstration in May.

India and France had signed a €7.87 billion intergovernmental agreement (IGA) in September 2016 for 36 Rafale multi-role fighter jets in fly-away condition, following the announcement by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in April 2015 citing "critical operational necessity" of the IAF.

NIA court denies bail to Abdul Fazili, Fahad Shah

Both were arrested under UAPA

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SRINAGAR

Fahad Shah, 33, journalist and editor of *The Kashmir Walla*, and Abdul Aala Fazili, 39, a research scholar at Kashmir University (KU), were denied bail by a special National Investigation Agency (NIA) court in Jammu on Friday.

Both Mr. Shah and Mr. Fazili, arrested earlier this year, are facing charges under several sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

According to the SIA, they were involved in unlawful activities "to propagate the false narrative of the secessionist as well as the terrorist to disintegrate the sovereignty and unity of Union of India and to motivate the Kashmiri youth to exhilarate the subversive activities against the popular government".

"Mr. Fazili has written an article 'The Shackles of Slavery will Break' and published it in the magazine *The Kashmir Walla* as a part of the ongoing strategy to build and propagate the false narrative against Union of India," the SIA said.

India-China military talks on July 17

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NEW DELHI

The 16th round of military talks between India and China on the lingering border stand-off in eastern Ladakh will be held on July 17 on the Indian side of the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the region, official sources said on Friday.

India has been pressing for quick disengagement of troops from all the remaining friction points in eastern Ladakh, insisting that peace and tranquillity along the border are prerequisites for progress in overall bilateral ties.

Congress says PM Modi is 'harmful for rupee'

Party recalls his attack on UPA government with regard to the falling rupee, when he was Gujarat CM

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NEW DELHI

As rupee touched nearly ₹80 against the U.S. dollar, the Congress on Friday led a scathing attack against the Narendra Modi government and questioned its silence on the free fall of the currency.

Targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the party said Mr. Modi is "harmful for the rupee" and recalled his comments as Gujarat Chief Minister, when he had attacked the UPA government saying "the prestige of the PM is attached to the falling rupee".

"The currency of a country falls where the government is immoral and corrupt... I sometimes wonder if there is a race between the Central government and the falling rupee. Who will stoop lower? The prestige of the PM is attached to the falling rupee. The lower it falls, the more credibility and dignity of the Prime Minister is eroded," quoting Mr. Modi, Congress social media head Supriya Shrinate asked what the Prime Minister has to say about his earlier statements now.

Recalling that Mr. Modi had said that the country "is in the throes of despair" under the UPA regime, former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi tweeted, "As much noise you used to make at that time, today you are as *maun* (silent) seeing the rupee depreciating rapidly".

> **This so-called strong PM made the rupee weakest in history**
> SUPRIYA SHRINATE

"The government, as always, seems directionless. Mr. Modi is toxic and harmful for the rupee. What is the government doing to address high inflation? It is a vicious cycle," Ms. Shrinate demanded to know at a press conference.

'False claims'

"Before 2014, Mr. Modi falsely claimed that a 'strong PM' is necessary for the strengthening of the rupee. Now he has proven to be most toxic and harmful for the currency. This so-called strong PM made the rupee weakest in history. The rupee has depreciated more than 7% in the last six months. How long will the Prime Minister keep hiding behind coronavirus, Russia-Ukraine war and so on?" she added.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had tried to strengthen the rupee by spending about $40 billion but it seems to have failed, Ms. Shrinate claimed, "because investors do not have even the slightest faith in the policies of the government".

The value of the rupee has seen a fall of nearly ₹22 against the dollar in the past eight years.

Hitting out at the government, Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra said while the rupee is falling and unemployment is rising, the Prime Minister's Office is finding ways to prevent questions and protests.

AD Command may be counter-productive, says Air Chief Marshal

DINAKAR PERI
NEW DELHI

In an important clarification on the Indian Air Force's (IAF) view on the proposed reorganisation of the armed forces into integrated theatre commands, Air Chief Marshal (ACM) V.R. Chaudhari, while stressing the need for an Integrated Air Defence System (IADS) to fight tomorrow's wars in order to ensure aerospace safety as well as effective Air Defence (AD) said, "creation of an AD Command may prove counter-productive".

An integrated AD command is one of the proposed theatre commands that is in the works, in addition to Western, Eastern and Maritime Theatre Commands.

"While there is a need for close coordination between all elements within the same airspace to ensure aerospace safety as well as effective AD, creation of an AD Command may prove counter-productive because AD operations are inextricably linked to Counter Air Operations, as the success or failure of one will dictate the demands on the other," ACM Chaudhari said at a seminar organised by the Centre for Joint Warfare Studies.

Arunachal Pradesh 'beef' sign order to be kept in abeyance

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

The order directing all hotels and restaurants in the Naharlagun subdivision of Arunachal Pradesh to remove signboards displaying 'beef' by July 18 has been kept in abeyance.

Naharlagun is about 13 km from Itanagar, where consumption of beef is not banned.

The order was issued on July 13 by the subdivision's executive magistrate, Tamo Dada, following a verbal complaint that 'beef' displayed on signboards of eateries hurt the religious sentiments of communities that do not consume the meat.

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TSOILFED, Hyderabad invites e tender from potential and reputed manufacturers, companies authorized suppliers/contractors for the **DESIGN,SUPPLY, FABRICATION, ERECTION & COMMISSIONING OF 600KLD MULTIPLE EFFECT EVAPORATOR, ATFE AND PADDLE DRIER WITH SUPPORTING STRUCTURE & SHEETING ON TURNKEY BASIS** at our Oil Palm Processing Plant, Apparaopet, Bhadradri Kothagudem District, Telangana State. **Note:** 1. Publish of E-Tender: **16.07.2022 at 05:00pm.** 2. Pre Bid meeting: **26.07.2022 at 3.30pm.** 3. Last Date for uploading e Tender: **06.08.2022 at 3:00pm.** 4. All the details related to tender will be available in e-Tender website : **https://tender.telangana.gov.in** -Sd/- MANAGING DIRECTOR TSOILFED.

JODHPUR VIDYUT VITARAN NIGAM LIMITED, JODHPUR
(MATERIAL MANAGEMENT & CONTRACT WING)
NEW POWER HOUSE, INDUSTRIAL AREA, JODHPUR-342003
PHONE: (0291) 2742223 FAX: (0291) 2746539
E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE
E-Procurement Tender is invited for purchase of "T&C" Type Hardware set for 11 KV, 45 KN Porcelain Disc Insulator Under TN-1802 (UBN JVV2122GLOB00204).
Details regarding Quantity, Tender cost, Earnest Money, Schedule date of tender opening for aforesaid tenders are available on our website at www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jdvvnl and also at http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (MM&C)
Raj.Samwad/C/224044 बिजली संबंधी शिकायतों के लिए टोल फ्री नम्बर 1800 180 6845

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER,
LOWER SUKTEL IRRIGATION PROJECT, BALANGIR, AT- LALTIKRA,
DIST :- BALANGIR, PIN-767002. email-Id- ccelsp@gmail.com
Government of Odisha, "e" PROCUREMENT NOTICE
Bid Identification No. 07/2022-23 of CCE, LSP, Balangir

i	Name of Work	CONSTRUCTION OF HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING FOR RR COLONY OF LSIP AT LARKIPALI & SADEIPALI, BALANGIR.
ii	Estimated Cost	Rs.2,68,79,915.00
iii	Period of Completion	10 (Ten) Calendar Months
iv	Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal	15.07.2022 at 10.30 AM
v	Last date/time for receipt of bid in the portal	30.07.2022 up to 5.30 PM
vi	Name & Address of the Officer Inviting Bid	Chief Construction Engineer, Lower Suktel Irrigation Project, Balangir, At-Laltikra, Dist. : Balangir, PIN - 767002

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal **http://tendersodisha.gov.in.** Any corrigendum / addendum / cancellation will be displayed in the Govt. Website only.
Chief Construction Engineer, Lower Suktel Project, Balangir.
A-392 OIPR-32333/11/0011/2223

Directorate of Fisheries, Odisha, Cuttack
Government of Odisha
Date: 12.07.2022
CORRIGENDUM
With reference to the earlier advertisement published for RFP-8 on 07-06-2022 in **daily news paper** inviting sealed proposals from eligible bidders for **"Implementation of Indigenous Vessel Tracking and Two-way MSS Communication System for Marine Fishing Crafts (Mechanized Boats) in EEZ including territorial waters of Odisha using ISRO Satellite Transponders"**. It is informed that, the last date for submission of tender documents has been extended and revised as per details mentioned below.

Sl.No.	List of Key Events	Critical Dates
1	Last Date for Submission of Bid	16th August, 2022, 2 PM
2	Date of Opening of Technical Bid	17th August, 2022, 12 PM
3	Date of Opening of Financial Bid	Will be intimated later

- Tender documents are now available till **16.08.2022 (Tuesday) 2.00PM** at **www.fishfedodisha.in**
- The proposal complete in all respects must reach the undersigned by **Speed Post/ Registered Post/Drop in the Tender Box** only latest by **16th August '2022, 2 PM** in a sealed envelope clearly mentioning on the top of it **"Implementation of Indigenous Vessel Tracking and Two-way MSS Communication System for Marine Fishing Crafts (Mechanized Boats) in EEZ including territorial waters of Odisha using ISRO Satellite Transponders"**. The proposals received beyond the last date and time will be rejected. The authority reserves the right to reject any/ all proposals without assigning any reason thereof.
- All the terms and conditions as prescribed in previous RFP notice will remain the same.

Director of Fisheries, Odisha, Cuttack
M-21: OIPR-06015/11/0010/2223

TAMIL NADU MINERALS LIMITED
No. 31, Kamarajar Salai, Chepauk, Chennai - 600 005.
Phone No. 28662010, 28511972
NOTICE INVITING e-Tender

Description	Sale of Raw Vermiculite (as mined) from Sevathur Mine, Tirupathur District, Tamilnadu
Tender No. & Date Tender ID	TAMIN/537/WAP-3/2022, Dated:13.07.2022. 2022_TMMN_241035_1
Bid submission end date	16.08.2022 upto 14.00 hrs
Technical bid opening date	17.08.2022 at 15.00 hrs
EMD	Rs. 1,18,000/- (Rupees One Lakh eighteen thousand only)
Tender form fee	Rs. 2,000/- (Rupees Two thousand only)

Note: For further details please visit Tamil Nadu e-tendering portal: https://tntenders.gov.in
GENERAL MANAGER (Finance)

bida भिवाड़ी इंटीग्रेटेड विकास प्राधिकरण
एच-5, भगत सिंह कॉलोनी, भिवाड़ी, अलवर
दूरभाष: 01493 230819, ई-मेल: bida.bhiwadi@rajasthan.gov.in
क्रमांक: 4114/22 दिनांक: 12..7.22
Expression of Interest
CONSULTANCY WORK OF DPR FOR MASTER DRAINAGE PLAN FOR BHIWADI CITY AND DISPOSAL OF WATER UPTO FINAL DISPOSAL POINT
The Bhiwadi Integrated Development Authority (BIDA), Bhiwadi invites proposal for **Consultancy work of DPR for Master Drainage plan for Bhiwadi City and disposal of water upto final Disposal point** Detailed of EOI, eligibility criteria schedule and conditions can be seen on https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in from dated 14.07.2022, 10.00 AM to 28.07.2022, 5.00 PM.
Executive Engineer
Rajasthan Samwad/C/4957/2022-2023 BIDA, Bhiwadi

Rajasthan Medical Services Corporation Limited, Jaipur
Gandhi Block, Swasthya Bhawan, Tilak Marg, C-Scheme, Jaipur-302005
Ph.: No. 0141-2223887, Fax: 0141-2228065 E-mail : edpmrmsc-ri@nic.in
CIN: U24232RJ2011SGC035067 Website: http://rmsc.health.rajasthan.gov.in
No. F-8( )RMSC/EPM/M-1/2022-23/NIB/775 Dated :- 11.07.2022
NOTICE INVITING BID
Bids for Item (1) Breast Pump Electric (Professional)- Hospital Use (Multi user) (2) Containers Polypropylene (BPA Free) (3) Glass Beaker are invited from interested bidders up to 16.08.2022 ; 06:00 p.m. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state, and http://rmsc.health.rajasthan.gov.in.
(UBN-MSC2223GLRC00038)
Raj. Samwad/C/4894/2022-2023 Executive Director(EPM), RMSCL, Jaipur

Office of the Project Director (Housing)
Rajasthan Urban Drinking Water Sewerage & Infrastructure Corporation Limited
4-Sa-24, Jawahar Nagar, Jaipur-302004 (RAJ.)
Tel&Fax: 0141-4001187 | Email: rudsico.housing@rajasthan.gov.in
No. RUDSICO/PD (H.)/Jpr/2022-23/1387 Date: 11.07.2022
Notice Inviting Bid
Bids for Const. of Various Govt. colleges at Dist. Barmer, Jodhpur, Pali, Jalore, Pratapgarh, Dungarpur & Banswara and Furniture supply & Electrical works at Bagrana Depot, Jaipur are invited from interested bidders up to 18:00hrs, 21.07.2022 for Item no. 1 to 16 under Two bid system and for Item no. 17 under single bid system on E-procurement. Other particulars of the Bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state; and http://urban.rajasthan.gov.in/rudsico departmental website. The total approximate value of procurement is Rs. 6567.82 Lacs.

NIT No. 15/2022-23	UBN-RDP2223WSOB00057 to 71, 73 & RDP2223GLOB00072

Raj.Samwad/C/4889/2022-2023 **General Manager (Works), RUDSICO**

BANGALORE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Central Offices: Purchase Dept., Shantinagar, Bengaluru-560 027.
No.: BMTC/COSP/STR/SSD/211/2022-23 Date: 15.07.2022
e-AUCTION NOTICE
Scrap Materials available at BMTC will be sold through e-Auction to be conducted by M/s. M.S.T.C. (A Govt. of India undertaking). The e-Auction schedule is as under:- **1) Scrapped Materials. Date of e-Auction : 27.07.2022.** The interested bidders may log onto **www.mstcecommerce.com** for further details and registration. They may also contact M/s. M.S.T.C Ltd., at below mentioned address for needful clarification.
Address: M/s. M.S.T.C. LTD., No.19/5, 18/6, 3rd Floor, Kareem Tower, Cunning Ham Road, Bengaluru-560 052. Contact phone Nos: 080- 22260054, 22266417, 22287356, Fax No. 080-22256365. BMTC Contact phone Nos: + 91 7760991153 / 7760991157
Sd/- CONTROLLER OF STORES & PURCHASES

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919
No.: KPCL/2022-23/IPS/WORK_INDENT 12486/CALL-2 Dtd: 13.07.2022
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System) (Through e-procurement Portal Only)
Tenders are invited through GoK e-Procurement portal: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from the contractors/agencies who are reputed individuals/Company and having past experience for the work of **Inspection, Repairs/Replacement of Damaged Instrument & Service Air lines, Boiler Drain Lines in the area of Unit 1 & 2 Boiler area; and Extension of LDO lines to CD & EF elevation in unit 4.** EMD: **Rs. 38,000/-.** Last date for queries/clarification: **20.07.2022 @ 16:00Hrs.** Last date for submission of completed bids(2 Parts): **25.07.2022 @ 16:00Hrs.** Opening of Technical Bid (Part 1): **27.07.2022 @ 16:00Hrs.** Opening of Financial Bid(Part 2): **29.07.2022 @ 16:00Hrs.** Further details can be obtained from the office of the **Superintending Engineer (Mechanical Maintenance-1), KPCL, RTPS, Shakthinagar-584170, Raichur District, Karnataka State.** Mobile No.: **94489 99460.**

Rajasthan Skill and Livelihoods Development Corporation (RSLDC)
Office of Managing Director, EMI Campus, Jhalana Institutional Area, Jaipur
Web: http://livelihoods.rajasthan.gov.in, Email: proc.cell.dolto@rajasthan.gov.in
Bid Doc. No: RSLDC/DDU-GKY/Skill Gap Assessment/DDU-GKY/2022-23/3634 Date: 13/07/2022
Bid document for Procurement of services for conducting GP-wise & Sector Wise skill Gap Assessment & Skill Development Impact Analysis Study in Rajasthan

Mode of Bid Submission	Online though e-Procurement/ e-Biding system at http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in
Procuring Authority	Managing Director, Rajasthan Skill and Livelihoods Development Corporation –RSLDC
Bid Issue Date & Time	13/07/2022
Pre-Bid Meeting Date & Time	15/07/2022 05.00 PM
Last Date & Time of Submission of Bid	19-07-2022 up to 11:00 AM
Date & Time of Opening of Technical Bid	19-07-2022 up to 04:00 PM
UBN : SLD2223SLOB00021 Raj.Samwad/C/224866	

PSPCL PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
Corporate identity Number U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website:- www.pspcl.in
Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.
Public Notice
PSPCL is in the process of registration of suitable firms/buyers as per the latest plastic waste management rules and e-waste management rules for disposal of plastic waste/scrap and e-waste scrap through e-auction.
The documents and other compliances required along with General Terms & Conditions for e-auctioning of sale of scrap, obsolete, unserviceable material of PSPCL for the registration process are available at https://pspcl.in/e-auction-notice.aspx. The interested firms may contact office of Controller of Stores & Disposal (South), Shed No. F-1, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala for registration with the PSPCL by fulfilling the requirements of PSPCL and meeting the statutory provisions including those of Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB), State Pollution Control Boards, SPCB(s), Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MOEF&CC) as applicable.
Sr.Xen/Disposal
C 276/22 PSPCL, Patiala.
PB76155/12/998/2021/15709 96461-48165, 96461-19412

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer (Project Central-08),
Ground Floor, Annexe-2 Building, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002.
No: EE/PC-8/TEND/01/2022-23 Date: 15-07-2022
INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)
The Executive Engineer, Project Central-08, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the Construction works detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Crores)	EMD (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	Providing White Topping to Nagavara Main Road Gas Bunk 5th Cross Road from ORR to BWSSB GLSR upto 1st Main Road and 5th Block, 1st Stage, 8th Main Road from Government Multispecialty Hospital to 1st Cross upto Karnataka Bank in Sarvagna Nagar Assembly Constituency.	15.23	15.50

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender Documents may be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in 2)** Last Date for Receipt of Queries is **20-07-2022 upto 17.30 Hrs. at the Office of the Executive Engineer - Project Central-08, BBMP. 3)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **21-07-2022 at 16.00 Hrs. at the Office of the Chief Engineer, Project Central-08. 4)** Tenders must be Submitted online through e-Procurement Portal **on or before 17.30 Hrs. on 25-07-2022. 5)** Technical Bids will be Opened on **27-07-2022 at 16.00 Hrs. at the Office of the Executive Engineer - Project Central-08, BBMP.** Further details can be had from the above office
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project Central-08, BBMP.
PAY DEVELOPMENT CHARGES, HELP TO DEVELOP BENGALURU
COVID-19. DO NOT PANIC, BE AWARE
Wear Mask | Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

IN BRIEF

Justice Lalit's Bench starts work early

NEW DELHI

Three judges of the Supreme Court drew inspiration from the early hours school children keep and began work earlier than usual on Friday. Justices U.U. Lalit (in photo), S. Ravindra Bhat and Sudhanshu Dhulia started court at 9.30 a.m., a full hour before usual timings. "If children can go to school at 7, we too can come to court at 9!" Justice Lalit told lawyers in his courtroom.

Aspirants who missed CUET can write in August

NEW DELHI

Aspirants who could not appear for the Common University Entrance Test-UG on the first day (July 15) due to a change in centres, will get another chance in the second phase in August, said National Testing Agency (NTA) officials. The exam at two centres in West Bengal's New Jalpaiguri and Punjab's Pathankot, was cancelled due to technical issues. PTI

IndiGo flight diverted after engine vibration

NEW DELHI

An IndiGo flight from Delhi to Vadodara was diverted to Jaipur on Thursday evening after vibrations in the engine. The DGCA is probing the incident. IndiGo's Airbus A320 aircraft suffered from engine vibration for a "fraction of a second", said a DGCA official. The pilots flew the aircraft to Jaipur for checks after a caution message flashed in the cockpit, said the airline.

BCCI appeal may be listed next week

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday said it may list for next week a plea by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to make amendments in its Constitution.

In an oral mentioning before Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana, senior advocate P.S. Patwalia, for the BCCI, said the COVID-19 pandemic had come in the way of a substantive hearing of its application which was filed in 2020.

The case is significant for the BCCI as the date of amendments may decide the tenures of its president Sourav Ganguly and secretary Jay Shah.

The BCCI has urged the court to revise a rule in its new Constitution which mandates that administrators have to go through a three-year 'cooling-off period' after six successive years in the BCCI or any State association.

Rise in unvaccinated children in India

Their number doubled to over two million owing to pandemic, says data published by WHO, UNICEF

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The number of children in India who were unvaccinated or missed their first dose of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTP) combined vaccine doubled due to the pandemic, rising from 1.4 million in 2019 to 2.7 million in 2021, as the world recorded the largest sustained decline in childhood vaccinations in approximately 30 years, according to official data published by the WHO and UNICEF.

The increase in zero dose, or those who missed their first dose of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis, between 2019 and 2021 is the "first time ever there has been a decline in evaluated coverage in immunisation for India as a whole," Dr. Mainak Chatterjee, Health Specialist at UNICEF India, told *The Hindu*.

Hitting a hurdle: India had recorded steady improvement in immunisation coverage until the pandemic. • R. RAGU

Though immunisation coverage continues to decline the world over, India was able to arrest the trend between 2020 and 2021. The number of children with zero dose rose sharply to three million in 2020. But a further backsliding was prevented and the number dropped to 2.7 million in 2021 due to catchup programmes such as the third Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI), notes the WHO-UNICEF report.

Nearly 25 million children are born every year in India.

Until the pandemic, India steadily improved immunisation coverage from 43% during the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) -3 (2005-2006), to 62% in the NFHS-4 between 2015 and 2016 and the NFHS-5 between 2019 and 2021.

India started the fourth round of IMI from February, which is expected to further reduce the number of unvaccinated children in the next round of WHO and UNICEF estimates of national immunisation coverage in 2023, adds Dr. Chatterjee. Annually, India vaccinates more than 30 million pregnant women and 27 million children through the Universal Immunisation Programme.

Globally, the percentage of children who received three doses of the vaccine against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTP3) – a marker for immunisation coverage within and across countries – fell five percentage points between 2019 and 2021 to 81%.

As a result, 25 million children missed out on one or more doses of DTP through routine immunisation services in 2021 alone. This is two million more than those who missed out in 2020 and six million more than in 2019, highlighting the growing number of children at risk from devastating but preventable diseases.

"This is a red alert for child health. We are witnessing the largest sustained drop in childhood immunisation in a generation. The consequences will be measured in lives," said Catherine Russell, UNICEF Executive Director. The fall in immunisation coverage is especially worrying as it is being accompanied by a rapid rise in severe acute malnutrition due to a fall in income during the pandemic.

Assam court allows jailed poet to sit for exam

19-year-old was arrested in May

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

A local court in eastern Assam's Golaghat district has allowed Barshashree Buragohain, jailed since May 18 for reportedly writing a poem calling for rebellion against the nation, to appear for her degree second-semester exams.

Barshashree Buragohain

She is a student of mathematics at DCB College in the adjoining Jorhat district. The college is affiliated to Dibrugarh University.

Ms. Buragohain, 19, had filed a petition before the Golaghat district and sessions court through the jail authorities seeking permission to appear for the exam commencing on July 16.

The court on Thursday directed the jail authorities to make necessary arrangements and provide sufficient police escort from the jail to her exam centre.

A resident of Jorhat, Ms. Buragohain had been arrested for posting an "objectionable poem" on a social media platform. The poem titled '*Akou Korim Rashtradroh*' (I will rebel against the nation again) allegedly supported the United Liberation Front of Asom (Independent) or ULFA (I), a banned extremist outfit.

Increased onion stock to regulate prices: Centre

'States can use it during lean months'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Centre on Friday said that it has procured 2.50 lakh tonne of onion as buffer stock for 2022-23. The onion buffer procurement for 2021-22 was two lakh tonnes. The increase in the stock is likely to come in use when the prices of onion go up in the retail market.

The Centre said the onions were procured from the current rabi harvest for the price stabilisation buffer. "The stocks have been procured by the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) from farmers through the Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) in rabi onion growing States of Maharashtra, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh," the Food Ministry said in a release.

The stocks will be released through targeted open market sales, the Centre said and added that the States and government agencies could also use it for supplies through retail outlets during the lean months between August and December to moderate price rise.

"Open market releases will be targeted towards States/cities where prices are increasing over the previous month and also in key mandis to augment the overall availability," the release added.

BKU leader opposes food park plan

'Govt. aim is to bring in big corporates and reduce farmers into landless people'

KALLOL BHATTACHERJEE
NEW DELHI

The country has an agricultural surplus and there is no need for the government to join hands with the United States, Israel and the United Arab Emirates for food production, said a senior representative of the Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) on Friday.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, general secretary of BKU Yudhvir Singh said the organisation would "strongly" oppose the food agreement under the I2U2 grouping and argued that the decision would reduce farmers to landless peasants.

"There is no shortage of food in India. In fact, there is bumper crop production in the agriculture sector, which employs at least 62% of Indian population. So, there is no requirement for such an agreement with foreign countries. The only reason they are doing this is to bring in big corporates into the Indian agriculture sector, which will reduce farmers into peasants," said Mr. Singh, who was in the forefront of the year-long farmers' protest during 2020-21.

Yudhvir Singh

UAE pledges funds

His remarks came a day after the UAE committed $2 billion for building integrated food parks in India, where American and Israeli technology would be utilised.

It is understood that the food parks located in India would be connected to the high-tech food storage facilities that are expected to come up in UAE, as the Gulf country appears set to emerge as a global food power.

Long-term impact

Mr. Singh, however, maintained that by committing to supply land for the food parks and food corridors, India would create greater long-term economic and social disruption for its farming community.

"Farming communities in France and Netherlands are protesting against corporatisation and now we are witnessing similar attempts in India," said Mr. Singh.

A joint statement issued after the I2U2 summit of Thursday had declared that the investment from the UAE would be utilised to build a "series of integrated food parks across India that will incorporate state-of-the-art climate-smart technologies to reduce food waste and spoilage, conserve fresh water."

SC to hear CBI plea to cancel ex-DGP's bail

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday agreed to hear a CBI plea to cancel the anticipatory bail granted to former Kerala DGP Siby Mathews, who is accused of conspiring to frame ISRO scientist Nambi Narayanan and others in an espionage case in 1994.

A Bench led by Justice A.M. Khanwilkar said the plea would be tagged along with similar petitions filed by the CBI challenging the Kerala High Court's decision to grant bail to the other accused in the case, who were either former intelligence or senior police officers. The court listed the case on July 27.

40,000 flood-hit shifted in Gujarat

Crops on over 50,000 hectares damaged; more than 50 roads still shut for traffic

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
AHMEDABAD

Incessant rain continue to batter parts of Gujarat; particularly its southern districts and Saurashtra region where floods have caused massive damage to the crops on over 50,000 hectares.

On Friday also, south Gujarat districts and parts of Saurashtra received heavy showers. The authorities have so far shifted more than 40,000 people from flood-affected areas.

As on Friday evening, more than 50 roads are still shut for traffic as flood waters have submerged them.

"By next Monday, it will become normal in the State. We have managed the situation well," said Revenue Minister Rajendra Trivedi.

Raining misery: NDRF personnel rescuing stranded people from Gandevi town in Navsari district on Friday • PTI

In Saurashtra and south Gujarat, farmers have been hit hard as flood waters damaged crops sown recently.

"As of now, crops have been damaged in more than 50,000 hectares. We will begin the survey to assess the real damage after the rain stops," a State government official said. According to officials, the government is likely to start the assessment next week and pay compensation.

The State has already received 55% of the season's rainfall in just two weeks. "In Narmada and Bharuch districts, farmers having banana farms have suffered massive damage," a BJP leader from Bharuch said.

The State government has announced compensation of ₹4 lakh each to the families of 90 people who died of rain-related incidents in the State since the beginning of the monsoon from June 1.

More than 300 animals have died due to floods. The government will provide compensation to those who lost their livestock. Transporters and traders have also suffered losses.

16-year-old gang-raped in Gurugram, three arrested

Accused cab drivers and minor lived in the same locality

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

A 16-year-old girl was allegedly gang-raped by three persons, two of whom she knew, earlier this month after they took her in their car to Gurugram from Southwest Delhi's Vasant Vihar, officers said on Friday.

Officers said the victim was a student of Class 10 in a government school. All the three accused, aged 23, 25 and 35, have been arrested and their car seized. The 25-year-old was her boyfriend, the police said, adding that all the three accused worked as private cab drivers. Officers said that all the accused and the victim lived in the same locality.

DCP (Southwest) Manoj C. said that they received a PCR call around 4 a.m. at the Vasant Vihar police station regarding the rape of a minor girl by three persons. The caller, the father of the victim, said that on July 6 around 8.30 p.m., his daughter left from Vasant Vihar in a vehicle with three persons. He added that all four of them went for a ride and came back the next day around 7 a.m. "She reported the incident to her parents on the evening of July 7, following which she was taken to the hospital," the DCP said.

The police added that the girl was medically examined and a case under the relevant sections of the POCSO Act and Section 376 D (gangrape) of the Indian Penal Code has been lodged.

During the victim's statement before a magistrate, she stated that her boyfriend kissed her first, after which the two other men raped her.

An officer said: "She is trying to defend her boyfriend but the 25-year-old too will be treated as an accused."

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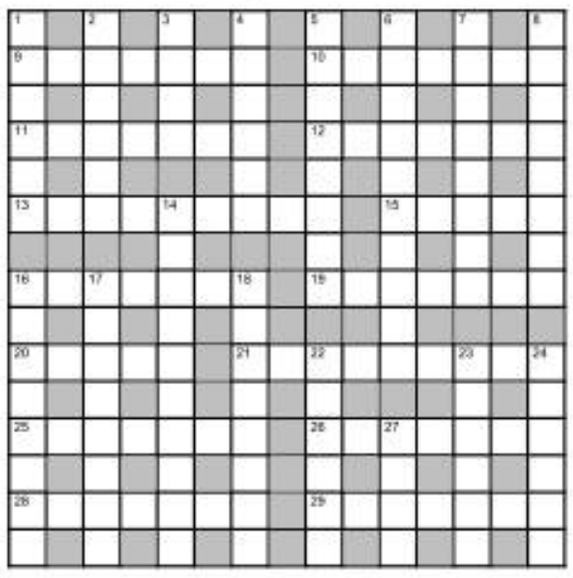

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13 A follower of Catholic church, say (9)
15 Essence of biology's about building, perhaps (5)
16 By March, the French will get a foot pedal (7)
19 Meaning? (7)
20 The first letter always lets premises/house/apartment in the very beginning (5)
21 Russian leader noisily describing American company Nimbus (4,5)
25 Essentially tender mineral mostly prevalent to a particular region (7)
26 Advocate's boy is in agony (7)
28 Receiver is called AXNI (7)
29 New Metro (MG Circle) (7)

Down

1 First chick in corner, in churidar top, dancing is attractive (6)
2 Gross urchin nearing minister and national leaders – he is a killer (6)
3 Commotion is constant in South Norway (4)
4 Anxiety as rest are beaten up by guards outside... (6)
5 ...rest shivering at the end specifically facing ghosts (8)
6 That man's trilogy's nice, almost melodramatic (10)
7 Truman do lingers inside for an instrument (8)
8 Place where a game is played, maybe polo with perhaps Aussie man (8)
14 Love means close attention, getting people's time (10)
16 One fired in outburst, government recruiting a top person for balance between exports & imports (5,3)
17 Run away (retreat) from payment, hurry (8)
18 An administrator in EU is fantastic creator – union leader admitted (8)
22 Attack a politician with new gun (6)
23 Swelling is moderate, treat right away (6)
24 Mafia boss had to pledge (6)
27 Can king have survey (4)

SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

Solution to puzzle 13609

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Stages in bhakthi

If a person falls, he calls out in fear. But a devotee of Goddess Abirami will not call out in fear. Even in such a situation, he will utter the name of the Goddess. Sundarar says in one of his verses that if he were to slip and fall, he will recite Lord Siva's name. That is how bhakthi refines a person, said M.A. Manickavelu in a discourse.

But how does one acquire such intense bhakthi? It does not come by merely chanting Ambal's name once or twice. We must also study spiritual texts about Her. Most importantly, we must be emotionally involved in learning about Her. Meditating on something constantly is one way of study. Avvaiyar says a mind trained to concentrate on something is a mind trained to study whatever is meditated on. Andal in Her Thiruppavai says one should worship Lord Krishna with the best of flowers; one should sing Krishna's praises and meditate on Him. She asserts that if one does this, then one's sins will be destroyed. Bhakthi means melting for God. Manickavachagar says that if a person sheds tears when he thinks of Lord Siva, he is sure to reach the feet of Lord Siva. Vallalalar says that one should think of Lord Nataraja, experience emotional attachment to Him, and shed tears when thinking of Him, so that one's body is drenched with the tears. Abirami Bhattar records his experience in Abirami Andadi. He says that he studied Ambal's name, and as a result Her greatness was revealed to him.

Evolution of bhakthi is akin to the stages in the ripening of a fruit. The first stage is when the flower appears. Worship and service in temples are comparable to this. Chanting Her name is like the flower yielding a small unripe fruit. The final stage of bhakti is like a fruit in its final stage, when it is ready to be eaten.

Iran, Belarus to be newest SCO members

With the expansion, China and Russia are looking to frame the grouping as a counter to the West

ANANTH KRISHNAN
BEIJING

Iran and Belarus are likely to be the two newest additions to the China and Russia-backed Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) grouping, officials said on Friday.

Expanding the group is among the issues that leaders of the grouping, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping are likely to discuss at the SCO summit in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, in September.

The current SCO Secretary, General Zhang Ming, a veteran Chinese diplomat, told reporters on Friday the grouping hopes for an in-person summit in Uzbekistan, which could see Mr. Modi meet with Mr. Xi for the first time since 2019.

"So far, all participating countries have confirmed the attendance of their leaders but the format of attendance is not finalised. All wish to switch to the traditional way of meeting which is more efficient," said Mr. Zhang, who recently visited Samarkand and said the facilities for the summit would be constructed by the end of this month. "At the same time, the epidemic situation is changing and there are new variants emerging," he said, adding a note of caution, with last year's summit held virtually on account of COVID-19.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the SCO Summit in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, in this file photo. •PTI

China, Russia and four Central Asian states – Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan – were the founding members of the SCO, while India and Pakistan joined the grouping in 2017 in its first round of expansion. Last year's summit in Dushanbe agreed for Iran to join, while Belarus has also begun the membership process.

"In the Samarkand summit, we expect the leadership to adopt a document on the obligations Iran must fulfil to gain membership. The legal procedures of Belarus's accession are also about to start. We need to build consensus on the acceptance of Belarus," Mr. Zhang said. "The significance of this round of expansion is that it shows the SCO's rising international influence and that the principles of the SCO charter are being widely accepted."

Sharp contrast

China and Russia are looking to frame the grouping as a counter to the West – particularly after Russia's invasion of Ukraine – and Mr. Zhang sought to draw a sharp contrast between the SCO and NATO.

"There has been discussion in the international arena that the trend of non-alignment is back," he said. "The expansion of NATO is totally different as the SCO is a cooperative organisation based on non-alignment and not targeting a third party. NATO is based on Cold War thinking. The logic of NATO is creating new enemies to sustain its own existence."

He said the SCO "believes one should not build its safety at the expense of other countries", a statement China has used previously to blame NATO for the Ukraine crisis. Mr. Zhang also hit out at "small circles" – a term China has used in the past to criticise the Quad – underlining India's somewhat unique position in the SCO, whose two most important members, China and Russia, are increasingly positioning the grouping directly at odds with the West.

India will host the SCO summit next year, and Varanasi has been selected as the SCO region's first "Tourism and Cultural Capital", Mr. Zhang said, a title it will hold next year coinciding with India chairing the grouping.

Sri Lanka SC bars Mahinda, Basil from leaving country

Plea sought travel curbs on the brothers and two officials

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
COLOMBO

Sri Lanka's Supreme Court on Friday barred former Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and former Finance Minister Basil Rajapaksa from leaving the country till July 28.

The order was passed by the apex court during the hearing of a petition filed by global civil society organisation Transparency International on the economic crisis in Sri Lanka.

Mounting troubles: Mahinda Rajapaksa, left, with his brother Gotabaya Rajapaksa in Colombo, in this file photo. •REUTERS

'Directly responsible'

The petition filed on June 17 had sought the court to restrict the overseas travel of the two Rajapaksa brothers, former Central Bank Governor Ajith Nivard Cabraal, and former treasury secretary S.R. Attygalle.

The petitioner had claimed that these persons were directly responsible for the unsustainability of Sri Lanka's foreign debt, its debt default and the current economic crisis.

Mr. Basil, the younger brother of former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, had tried to leave the crisis-hit island nation on Tuesday.

Mr. Gotabaya fled to the Maldives on Wednesday and then reached Singapore on Thursday following protests against his government.

Sri Lanka is under the grip of an unprecedented economic turmoil, the worst in seven decades, leaving millions struggling to buy food, medicine, fuel and other essentials.

The country suspended nearly $7 billion foreign debt repayment due for this year out of about $25 billion due through 2026.

Biden, MBS seek to reset relations

U.S. President meets Saudi Crown Prince after shunning talks with him for long

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JEDDAH

A crucial meeting to repair diplomatic relationship between the U.S. and Saudi Arabia began with a fist bump on Friday as Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman welcomed President Joe Biden at a royal palace in Jeddah.

The first encounter occurred as Mr. Biden stepped out of his presidential limousine in Jeddah for a visit that is intended to reset their countries' longstanding ties.

There was little evidence of any warmth between the leaders, and none of the backslapping or smiles that Mr. Biden or the Crown Prince usually display when greeting other leaders.

Reviving ties: Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, right, greeting President Joe Biden in Jeddah. •AP

Mr. Biden had long refused to speak to Prince Mohammed, who is commonly referred to by his initials MBS, the presumed heir to the throne currently held by his father, King Salman. And he harshly criticised the kingdom for its human rights abuses, particularly the murder of U.S.-based journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

But those concerns have since been eclipsed by other challenges, including rising gas prices and Iranian aggression in the West Asia. At the same time, Saudi Arabia seeks to bolster its security ties with the U.S..

During his visit to West Bank earlier on Friday, Mr. Biden reiterated his country's support for 'two states for two peoples'.

Riyadh opens its airspace to Israeli flights

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JERUSALEM

Saudi Arabia on Friday opened its airspace to "all air carriers," signalling the end of its longstanding ban on Israeli flights overflying its territory – a key step toward normalisation between the two nations as President Joe Biden visits the region.

The announcement is an incremental step toward the normalisation of relations between Saudi Arabia and Israel and builds on the strong but informal ties the erstwhile foes have developed in recent years.

Russia strikes 'military target' in Vinnytsia

Ukraine says attack killed 23 people

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MOSCOW

Russia's Defence Ministry said Thursday's cruise missile strike on the Ukrainian city of Vinnytsia was directed at a building where top officials from Ukraine's armed forces were meeting foreign arms suppliers.

Ukraine has denied any military target was hit, saying the attack killed at least 23 people and struck a cultural centre used by retired veterans.

"On July 14, Kalibr (cruise) missiles were launched at the House of Officers in Vinnytsia," Russia's Defence Ministry said.

"The facility was hosting a conference of the Ukrainian Armed Forces command with representatives of foreign arms suppliers... The attack resulted in the elimination of the participants."

Ukrainian officials said the victims of the attack included three children, the youngest just four years old.

Russia has repeatedly denied targeting civilian areas, despite mounting evidence that its missiles have hit residential areas.

Briton dies in detention in Donetsk

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MOSCOW

Paul Urey, a British man captured by pro-Russian forces in Ukraine, has died in detention, Moscow-backed separatists said on Friday.

"He died on July 10," Darya Morozova, a representative of the Donetsk People's Republic, said, adding that he had diabetes.

NGOs describe Urey as a humanitarian who worked as an aid volunteer in Ukraine.

Separatists insist Urey was a "professional" soldier.

ELSEWHERE

U.S. House votes for CAATSA sanctions waiver

WASHINGTON

The US House of Representatives has passed by voice vote a legislative amendment that approves waiver to India against the punitive CAATSA sanctions. The amendment, introduced by Indian-American Congressman Ro Khanna, aims at providing India protection over its purchase of S-400 missile defence system from Russia to deter aggressors like China. PTI

Sikh man, acquitted in '85 AI bombing case, killed

TORONTO

The Canadian police have said they are still working to determine the motive behind the targeted killing of Ripudaman Singh Malik, a 75-year-old Sikh man acquitted in the tragic 1985 Air India Kanishka terrorist bombing case. Malik was shot dead in Surrey on Thursday. Malik and co-accused Ajaib Singh Bagri were acquitted in 2005 of mass murder and conspiracy charges. PTI

Donald Trump's first wife Ivana passes away

Cause of death is being investigated

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NEW YORK

Ivana Trump, a skier-turned-businesswoman who formed half of a publicity power couple in the 1980s as the first wife of former President Donald Trump and mother of his oldest children, has died in New York City, her family announced Thursday. She was 73.

The former President posted on his social media app that she died at her Manhattan home.

"She was a wonderful, beautiful, and amazing woman, who led a great and inspirational life," he wrote on Truth Social. The couple shared three children, Donald Jr., Ivanka and Eric.

"She was so proud of them, as we were all so proud of her," he wrote. "Rest In Peace, Ivana!"

Two people familiar with the matter said that police are investigating whether Ivana Trump fell down the stairs. She was found unconscious near a staircase in the home, they said The medical examiner's office will determine an official cause of death.

Ivana Trump

"It's been a very sad day, a very sad day," Eric Trump said.

In a statement, he and his siblings called her "an incredible woman – a force in business, a world-class athlete, a radiant beauty and caring mother and friend." "She fled from communism and embraced this country," the three said. "She taught her children about grit and toughness, compassion and determination."

Ivanka Trump posted childhood photos of herself laughing with her.

Amid rights concerns, Xi visits Xinjiang

ASSOCIATED PRESS
BEIJING

Chinese leader Xi Jinping visited Xinjiang in the country's northwest this week amid concerns over China's detention of a million or more members of primarily Muslim ethnic minorities in the remote border region.

Mr. Xi stressed the full implementation of Communist Party's policies in the region and highlighted social stability and lasting security as the overarching goals, reported the official Xinhua News Agency.

He showed no signs of backing off from an approach that has come under harsh criticism from the U.S. and many EU nations and prompted bans on the export of cotton and other products from the region over reports of forced labor.

Under Mr. Xi, authorities have allegedly carried out a sweeping crackdown on Xinjiang's Uighur and Kazakh communities following an outburst of deadly separatist violence.

National Health Mission
Karnataka Health & Family Welfare Society
1st Floor, East Wing, Magadi Road, Bengaluru - 560 023.
Phone: 080-23113584, Email: pdrch-hfws@karnataka.gov.in

No. HFWS-CHOOTHR(OTHR)/23/2022 Date: 13.07.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender Notification for **Printing and Supply of IEC Material for Intensified Diarrhoea Control Fortnight (IDCF) - 2022 under Child Health Programme of NHM.**

National Health Mission invites tender from reputed printers for **Printing and Supply of IEC Material for Intensified Diarrhoea Control Fortnight (IDCF) - 2022 under Child Health Programme of NHM**, along with necessary documents.

The detailed notification regarding eligibility and other details can be obtained by logging on to **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**. The tender document can be downloaded through "e-procurement portal" from **16.07.2022 at 11:00 am** onwards and last date for receipt of tender is **on or before 04.08.2022, 5:30 pm.**

Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during the office hours from **11:00 am to 5:30 pm.**

DIPR/CP/BCPL/1390/2022-23 Sd/- Project Director (RCH)

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KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(SHARAVATHY HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

No.: KPCL/2022-23/PS/WORK_INDENT 12607 Dated : 09.07.2022

ABSTRACT "e" TENDER NOTIFICATION

Bids in two documents sytem are invited through e-Procurement Portal **(Website URL:https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** for the **work of "Supply and Retrofitting of Four Nos. of Thrust/UGB Oil Coolers for Second Stage Units of SGS"** from reputed bidders with proven track record of successful completion of similar works as specified in pre-qualifying requirements. Tenders must be submitted online through e-Procurement portal within the stipulated due date and time published in the protal. Last date & time for online submission of tenders: **26.07.2022 up to 17.30 Hrs.** Date & time for opening of Technical Bid: **28.07.2022 at 10.00 Hrs.** EMD: **Rs. 62,000/-** and Tender Processing Fee as applicable shall be paid onling through e-Procurement Portal only. Further information, if required, can be obtained during office hours from office of the **Executive Engineer (Generator) Jog, Sharavathy, KPCL, Jogfalls-577435, Sagar Tq., Shivamogga Dist, Karnataka.Mobile No: 9449598804.**

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-1/F-130/22-23/3821-22 Dated : 15.07.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

KPTCL invites bid against **enquiry No.:- KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-1/22-23/EPR-17/CALL-02 Dated: 30.04.2022** for the work of replacement of old 4 pole structure by 1 Number of 66kV NBT (KPTCL design) for the existing 66kV HAL-ADUGODI line 1&2 lines in front of Chi.Udayashankar children park, ward No.88, Jeevan Bheema Nagar Main Road, TLM Hoody on **Total Turnkey Basis.**

The Bids will be received through E-Procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink 'e-Procurement-KPTCL' or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **18.07.2022.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele),
Transmission (M), BMAZ South Circle, 'A' Station Premises,
KPTCL, Office Complex, Ground Floor, Anandrao Circle, Bengaluru-560009

Government of Karnataka
Office of the District Officer, Minority Welfare Department, Ballari.
e-mail: domballari22@gmai.com PH: 08392-200125/224
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಅಕಾಇ/ಜಿ.ಅ.ಕ/ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ-10/2022-23/140 ದಿನಾಂಕ:13-07-2022

SHORT TERM TENDER

Sub. : Providing Manpower through agency to Distict Office / District and Taluk Minority IT Cell / Pre Metric and Post Metric / MDRS / PU College working under Minority Welfare Department.

Ref: Deputy Commissioner Ballari letter no: [illegible] ದಿನಾಂಕ:27-06-2022

Providing manpower through Outsource agency to District office District & Taluk Minority IT Cell / Pre Matric and Post Matric/ MDRS/PU College working under Minority Welfare Department through e-procurement. Details as below.

1	Tender Announcement date	Date: 13-07-2022
2	Amount put to Tender	Rs. 123.75/-lakhs
3	Tender Reference No and date	DMWD/BLY/OUTSOURCE/CR-10 /2022-23 Date: 13-07-2022
4	Tender Application Opening Date	Dated:13-07-2022
5	Last date Time for submission of Tender	Dated: 28-07-2022 Time: 5:00 PM
6	Date & Time of opening of Technical bid	Date: 01-08-2022 Time: 10:10 AM
7	Date & Time of opening of Financial Bid (Only eligible tenderer in technical bid)	Date 06-08-2022 Time: 10:10 AM
8	Venue of Address for communication	District Minority Welfare Office Moulana Azad Bhavan, Near Joladarasi Doddana Gouda Ranga Mandira, Ballari Phone: 08392-200125/224 e-mail: domballari22@gmai.com

Search More Details on www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- District Officer,
Minority Welfare Department,
Ballari.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the General Public that our client **Sri. A. C. Heri son of Late Sri. A Heri**, residing at **C-1 Chartered Cottage, No. 8 Langford Road, Richmond Town, Bangalore-560 025**, is the absolute owner of the Property bearing **Municipal No.25 Industrial Layout, Ward No.151, Koramangala, Bangalore**, he having purchased under **Sale deed dated 26/05/1991**, registered as Document No.1034/1991-92 in Book-I, Volume-3378 at pages 126 to 129, in the **Office of Sub-Registrar Bangalore South Taluk.** Our client further represents that that he has either lost or mislaid the following original documents Viz., (1) Allotment Letter issued by BDA for the said property (2) Possession Certificate dated 04/09/1976 issued by BDA, (3) Allotment Fees Payment Receipts issued by BDA and (4) Khatha Certificate issued by BDA, pertaining to property bearing Municipal No.25 Industrial Layout, Ward No.151, Koramangala, Koramangala Industrial Layout, Bangalore. In this regard a Police complaint is also lodged before jurisdictional Police Station, Bangalore on 12/07/2022. Public are hereby notified that if any one finds the originals of the above referred documents, they may deliver the same to the undersigned or to our aforesaid client immediately. If anyone deals with the original of the aforesaid documents or makes any claim on the said property on the basis of said documents, other than our client, he/she/they will not derive any right and such transaction will not bind our client.

Bengaluru,
Dated: 14-07-2022

Sd/-, YASEEN BABU, K. M LEGAL ADVOCATES,
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e-Tender Call Notice
No. EM/IOHP/GW-16/22/431 Date 04.07.2022
Name of the Work : **"Revamping of electrical installations at E House- I & E House-II of IOHP".** Estimated cost : **Rs.2,82,17,500.00.** Last date & time of submission of bid : **dt.10.08.2022 up to 17:00 Hrs.** Refer our website for details **https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app .**
EE(El.), IOHP
Paradip Port Authority
PPA/PR/173/22-23, dtd.15.07.2022

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STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD, ODISHA
[DEPARTMENT OF FOREST, ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE, GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA]
Paribesh Bhawan, A/118, Nilakantha Nagar, Unit-VIII, Bhubaneswar-751 012, INDIA

No.: 12353 / I.Estt.(Misc)/110/2012 Date : 15/07/22

CORRIGENDUM

The shortlisted candidates notified vide this office Notice No - 12057 dtd.11.07.2022 for certificate verification and viva-voce test to determine their eligibility and suitability for the recruitment for the post of Assistant Environmental Engineer.

The shortlisted candidate (SC Women category) bearing ID no OSPCB0001303 is to be inserted in place of ID No OSPCB0002424 for the date of 18.07.2022 for certificate verification and viva-voce test.

PROGRAMME OF DOCUMENT VERIFICATION / VIVA-VOCE TEST FOR THE POST OF ASST. ENV. ENGINEER.

Sl. No.	Date	Reporting time	ID numbers of candidates
01	18.07.2022	9.00 AM	OSPCB0001303

Others shortlisted date wise ID nos. for certificate verfication and viva- voce test in the aforesaid notice vide no.**12057 dtd.11.07.2022** will remain unaltered.

By order of Chairman
Sd/-.
Member Secretary

MARKET WATCH

	15-07-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	53,761	0.65
US Dollar	79.82	0.21
Gold	49,970	-0.68
Brent oil	101.69	4.57

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	730.90	6.45
Apollo Hosp	3931.70	33.65
Asian Paints	2978.15	38.00
Axis Bank	662.20	-6.05
Bajaj Auto	3913.35	50.15
Bajaj Finserv	11840.25	114.00
Bajaj Finance	5915.20	84.35
Bharti Airtel	651.80	10.15
BPCL	312.10	5.95
Britannia Ind	3848.90	74.75
Cipla	966.05	14.90
Coal India	193.40	1.40
Divis Lab	3727.75	-6.05
Dr Reddys Lab	4546.00	-29.40
Eicher Motors	3034.00	78.90
Grasim Ind	1398.20	6.40
HCL Tech	883.15	-19.85
HDFC	2216.10	48.70
HDFC Bank	1362.05	11.00
HDFC Life	539.90	2.75
Hero MotoCorp	2800.05	7.25
Hindalco	350.55	1.45
Hind Unilever	2568.50	70.70
ICICI Bank	751.20	-1.20
Indusind Bank	815.05	-5.85
Infosys	1430.35	1.50
ITC	293.55	2.70
JSW Steel	576.40	-7.60
Kotak Bank	1787.70	17.65
L&T	1684.85	38.70
M&M	1172.50	29.85
Maruti Suzuki	8778.05	210.30
Nestle India Ltd.	18771.50	408.20
NTPC	149.75	1.45
ONGC	126.55	-0.60
PowerGrid Corp	209.30	-5.55
Reliance Ind	2401.80	4.65
SBI Life	1155.45	16.50
State Bank	479.10	-0.25
Shree Cement	19701.80	139.10
Sun Pharma	878.40	-1.50
Tata Consumer Products Ltd	790.55	24.70
Tata Motors	440.20	12.15
Tata Steel	883.80	-24.20
TCS	2994.60	-4.15
Tech Mahindra	973.80	-2.00
Titan	2189.70	62.25
UltraTech Cement	5807.05	72.00
UPL	669.35	-0.80
Wipro	393.85	-7.60

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on July 15

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	79.68	80.00
Euro	80.10	80.43
British Pound	94.28	94.66
Japanese Yen (100)	57.42	57.65
Chinese Yuan	11.79	11.84
Swiss Franc	81.34	81.67
Singapore Dollar	56.78	57.02
Canadian Dollar	60.92	61.17
Malaysian Ringitt	17.90	17.99
Australian Dollar	53.81	54.03

Source:Indian Bank

IN BRIEF

BMW unveils G 310 RR sports bike at ₹2.85 lakh

CHENNAI

BMW Motorrad India on Friday unveiled BMW G 310 RR, its road racing sports bike in the sub-500 class, in two variants with prices starting at ₹2.85 lakh. The bike has been jointly developed by BMW Motorrad and TVS Motor Company, BMW said.

Train, bus travel increase as airfares surge: ixigo

MUMBAI

With airfares rising sharply by more than 40% on many domestic routes, online travel portal ixigo said it had seen many passengers taking train or bus rides to escape high airfares. "The recent airfare hike due to rising oil prices has driven customers towards trains and buses, which have shown phenomenal growth," Aloke Bajpai, Group CEO and co-founder said.

China's COVID curbs retard Q2 growth

April-June GDP rises 0.4% as lockdowns crimp industrial output, demand; 2022 growth to miss 5.5% goal

REUTERS
BEIJING

China's economic growth slowed sharply in the second quarter, highlighting the colossal toll on activity from widespread COVID lockdowns and pointing to persistent pressure over coming months from a darkening global outlook.

Friday's frail data adds to fears of a global recession as policymakers jack up interest rates to curb soaring inflation, heaping more hardship on consumers and businesses worldwide as they grapple with challenges from the Ukraine war and supply chain disruptions.

Gross domestic product in the April-June quarter grew 0.4% from a year earlier, official data showed on Friday. That was the worst showing for the world's second-biggest economy since the data series began in 1992, after a 6.9% contraction in the first quarter of 2020 due to the initial COVID shock.

It also marked a sharp slowdown from 4.8% growth in the first quarter. On a sequential basis, GDP fell 2.6% in the second quarter from the previous quarter.

Costly curbs: Lockdowns impaired economic activity across key cities with output in Beijing shrinking 2.9%. •REUTERS

"China's economy has stood on the edge of falling into stagflation, although the worst is over as of the May-June period," said Toru Nishihama, chief economist at Dai-ichi Life Research Institute. "You can rule out the possibility of a recession, or two straight quarters of contraction," he added.

'Stimulus inflation tango'

"Given the tame growth, China's government is likely to deploy economic stimulus measures from now on to rev up its flagging growth, but hurdles are high for PBOC to cut interest rates further as it would fan inflation which has been kept relatively low at present," he noted.

Full or partial lockdowns were imposed in major centres across the country in March and April, including the commercial capital Shanghai, which saw a year-on-year contraction of 13.7% in GDP in the second quarter. Output in the capital Beijing shrank 2.9% .

While many of those curbs have since been lifted, and June data offered signs of improvement, analysts do not expect a rapid economic recovery. China is sticking to its tough zero-COVID policy amid fresh flare-ups, the country's property market is in a deep slump and the global outlook is darkening.

The imposition of new lockdowns in some cities and the arrival of the highly-contagious BA.5 variant have heightened concerns among businesses and consumers about a prolonged period of uncertainty.

For the first half, GDP grew 2.5% year-on-year.

Chinese stocks rose briefly before turning down, while the yuan fell to a 2-month low on the weak GDP report.

Rupee's slide to inflate import, global travel bills

Overseas education too turns costlier

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NEW DELHI

The rupee nearing 80 to a U.S. dollar will make import of items – from crude oil to electronic goods – as well as overseas education and foreign travel costlier while raising fears that the inflation situation could worsen.

The impact of a depreciating rupee is on importers who will have to shell out more for the same quantity and price. The rupee, which on Thursday closed at an all-time low of 79.99 to a dollar, recovered 17 paise to end at 79.82 on Friday.

The basket of Indian imports includes crude oil, coal, plastic material, chemicals, electronic goods, vegetable oil, fertilizer, machinery, gold, pearls, precious and semi-precious stones, and iron and steel.

Ajay Sahai, Director General of exporters' body FIEO, said the rupee touching 80 against the U.S. dollar would raise India's import bill and would make containing inflation a more difficult task.

A weaker rupee also means foreign education becoming more expensive.

Students not only have to shell out more rupees for every dollar of fees at foreign institutions, but they also have to contend with costlier education loans, following interest rate increases by the RBI. With the pandemic receding, travel for work and leisure has risen. This too would become more expensive.

Public capex plan key to long-term growth: FM

'Govt. raised capex by 35.4% for FY23'

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NEW DELHI

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday said India's long-term growth prospects were embedded in public capital expenditure programmes.

Ms. Sitharaman, attending the third G20 Finance Ministers and central bank Governors meeting hosted by Indonesia in Bali, also said evidence-based policy making was vital for resilient economic systems.

The government has laid stress on capital expenditure to push economic growth hit by the pandemic. It is expected that higher public spending will crowd in private investment.

Ms. Sitharaman raised capital expenditure (capex) by 35.4% for the financial year 2022-23 to ₹7.5 lakh crore to continue the public investment-led recovery of the pandemic-battered economy. The capex last year was ₹5.5 lakh crore.

Nirmala Sitharaman •AFP

She also highlighted that sustainable global recovery should be pivoted on climate actions and that the focus needed to be on scaling up climate finance and propelling green transitions.

Yellen urges G20 to tackle food crisis

REUTERS
NUSA DUA

U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen on Friday urged the Group of 20 major economies to take urgent action to address a short-term food insecurity crisis exacerbated by Russia's war in Ukraine, and avoid market-distorting export curbs and stockpiling.

Ms. Yellen, speaking at a meeting of G20 finance officials in Indonesia, said countries should target fiscal support measures to help those most in need, rather than adopting regressive blanket subsidies.

She said the poor in the poorest countries were the most directly affected, setting back development, and undermining efforts to eradicate poverty.

'Allow us to export grains from public stock to needy nations'

WTO showing hesitation in lifting export curbs: Sitharaman

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NEW DELHI

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman asked the World Trade Organization (WTO) to allow India to export foodgrains from its public stockholding to nations which are facing food crisis.

She was speaking at a seminar on 'Strengthening global collaboration for tackling food insecurity' on the sidelines of the third G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) meeting in Bali, Indonesia.

As per WTO norms, countries are not allowed to export foodgrains from public stock holdings as they are procured at subsidised rates.

"WTO's restriction is that grains so procured cannot be brought to the market to export," Ms. Sitharaman said. "It is a condition which exists from the Uruguay Round days. We have repeatedly said that (surplus) than what we have for our small farmers... we are quite willing to trade."

She said that India could help in reducing hunger or food insecurity but there was hesitation on the part of the WTO.

Many countries in the world are currently facing food shortages due to the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war.

A group of about 70-80 countries, led by Singapore, is pushing member-countries of the WTO to accept binding commitments of not extending export restrictions on the foodgrains procured under the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP).

Some members, however, have voiced concerns regarding a blanket exemption for WFP food purchases due to domestic food security considerations.

Yes Bank to sell ₹48,000 cr. bad loans to ARC

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NEW DELHI

Yes Bank has allied with JC Flowers ARC to form an asset reconstruction company to sell ₹48,000 crore of the bank's bad loans.

The lender said it had signed a binding term sheet with JCF ARC LLC and JC Flowers Asset Reconstruction Pvt. Ltd. (JC Flowers ARC). Having subsequently fulfilled the requisite pre-conditions, the term sheet had become effective from July 15, 2022, Yes Bank said in a filing.

"Accordingly, the bank has decided that JC Flowers ARC will be base bidder for a proposed sale of an identified stressed loan portfolio of the bank aggregating to up to ₹48,000 crore," the lender said.

'Fund flow to tech start-ups slid 17% in Q2'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The calendar quarter ended June witnessed a dip in fund flow to the country's tech start-ups ecosystem, according to a quarterly investment analysis released by Nasscom in association with PGA Labs on Friday.

Start-ups in India attracted investments of $6 billion in the second quarter of calendar 2022, indicating a 17% quarter-on-quarter dip in fund flows.

The number of deals also dropped by 17%. Some 52% of the funding was in the size of $100 million while the average ticket size was $29 million.

Federal Bank Q1 net rises 64% to ₹601 crore

Credit growth strong, says Srinivasan

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Federal Bank posted a 64% rise in standalone net profit to ₹601 crore for the first quarter ended June 30 compared with a year earlier.

Net interest income grew 13% to ₹1,605 crore, the bank said at a media conference on Friday. Total business grew 12% to ₹3,35,045 crore. "Our financial performance for Q1 FY23 has been very encouraging and reflects the all-round progress we have been making over time," said MD and CEO Shyam Srinivasan.

Asset quality improved, with the GNPA dipping to 2.69% compared with 2.8% in March

"We have delivered strong, broad-based credit growth while overall costs have been well managed, resulting in the highest ever profits," he added.

He said asset quality had improved, with the gross non-performing asset ratio dipping to 2.69%, from 2.8% in the previous quarter.

However, the bank's other income, at ₹453 crore, was impacted by lower treasury gains and losses on revaluation of investments, Mr. Srinivasan said.

'States' capex seen soaring 36% in FY23'

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MUMBAI

States have budgeted 36% higher capital expenditure during this financial year, which may lead to a sharp increase in their fiscal deficit to ₹8.4 lakh crore, ICRA said in a report on Friday.

The 26 large States, excluding Assam, had spent ₹5 lakh crore in capital expenditure, or ₹1.3 lakh crore more than they had spent in FY20, an ICRA analysis shows. According to the agency, these 26 States were on course to spend ₹6.8 lakh crore in capex this fiscal, or 35.8% more over FY22, when they spent ₹5 lakh crore.

LTTS sees strong deal wins across sectors: MD

Firm's Q1 net rises 27% to ₹274 crore

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Deal wins were 'very strong' across segments during the first quarter of the fiscal and the deal pipeline was getting stronger, L&T Technology Services (LTTS) CEO & MD Amit Chadha said.

The pure-play engineering-services firm reported a net profit of ₹274 crore for the June ended quarter, a 27% increase compared with the year-earlier period. Revenue grew 23% year-on-year to ₹1,874 crore.

During the quarter, LTTS won a $50 million-plus deal, four $15-million deals and two deals with a total contract value of $10 million.

Amit Chadha

"Our big bets focus has helped us align ourselves with these multi-year customer programmes. Deal wins were very strong in the quarter. Our aerospace and rail segment is seeing a revival of large deal bookings."

BIF refutes 5G 'backdoor entry' claims

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NEW DELHI

Industry body Broadband India Forum (BIF) on Friday said suggestions that captive networks should bid for spectrum in auctions was 'extremely irrational'.

BIF refuted the 'misinformation' being propagated to demand a 'level playing field between two completely different sets of services'. COAI, which represents Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea, has argued that administrative allocation of spectrum for private 5G networks would be against the tenets of fairness.

SPORT

Sindhu enters semifinals

Heartbreak for Saina, Prannoy and Arjun-Dhruv pair

SINGAPORE OPEN

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SINGAPORE

P.V. Sindhu pulled off a thriller to advance into the semifinal, but Saina Nehwal and H.S. Prannoy suffered heartbreaking defeats at the Singapore Open Super 500 badminton tournament here on Friday.

Third-seeded Sindhu overcame a strong challenge from China's Han Yue to prevail 17-21, 21-11, 21-19 in a battle lasting more than an hour to book her semifinal berth.

Sindhu is the only Indian left in the fray now.

Meanwhile, Saina's touch seemed to have deserted her as she went down 13-21, 21-15, 20-22 to left-handed Japanese Aya Ohori. The 32-year-old veteran failed to convert two match-points.

In-form Prannoy also showed promise and won the first game, but Kodai Naraoka levelled in the second game before sealing it 12-21, 21-14, 21-18.

Stretching every sinew: Sindhu pulled off a thrilling win to be the lone Indian standing. •SINGAPORE BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

Prannoy put up an incredible battle in the decider when he bounced back from 7-18 to win eight straight points. Then, from 15-20, he saved three match-points, only to go down in a battle lasting 63 minutes.

The doubles pair of M.R. Arjun and Dhruv Kapila also stretched the second-seeded duo of Mohammad Ahsan and Hendra Setiawan of Indonesia but lost out 10-21, 21-18, 21-17.

The results (quarterfinals):

Men: Kodai Naraoka (Jpn) bt H.S. Prannoy 12-21, 21-14, 21-18. **Doubles:** Mohammad Ahsan & Hendra Setiawan (Ina) 10-21, 21-18, 21-17.

Women: P.V. Sindhu bt Han Yue (Chn) 17-21, 21-11, 21-19; Aya Ohori (Jpn) bt Saina Nehwal 21-13, 15-21, 22-20.

RACING

Crown Consort primed to deliver in feature

BENGALURU: Crown Consort, who has been well prepared, is expected to score in the R.R. Byramji Memorial Cup (1,400m), the feature event of the races to be held here on Saturday (July 16). False rails (width about 3m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA TROPHY (DIV. I), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 4-y-o & over, 1-30 p.m: 1. Divine Ray (4) Akshay K 62.5, 2. Winmylove (5) S. John 62, 3. Memoriter (8) Chethan K 61, 4. Casey (9) Salman K 58.5, 5. Ozark (10) T.S. Jodha 58.5, 6. Dr Logan (2) L.A. Rozario 57.5, 7. Aferpi (11) Rajesh K 57, 8. Belvedere (1) C.S. Jodha 56.5, 9. Clever Hans (6) G. Vivek 54.5, 10. Moving Ahead (12) Ashhad A 54.5, 11. Altair (3) Siddaraju 53.5 and 12. Capri Girl (7) Nazerul 53.5.

1. WINMYLOVE,
2. BELVEDERE,
3. CLEVER HANS

2 DELHI CUP (1,800m), rated 20 to 45, 2-00: 1. Measure Of Time (4) T.S. Jodha 62, 2. Towering Presence (6) Shreyas S 61.5, 3. Konabos (7) Suraj 60, 4. Star Comet (5) Akshay K 59.5, 5. Lycurgus (1) Arvind K 57, 6. Shubankar (3) Srinath 57, 7. Banksy (2) Sandesh 55 and 8. Tyto Alba (8) Sai Kiran 53.

1. KONABOS,
2. MEASURE OF TIME,
3. STAR COMET

3 MYSORE CUP (1,200m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 2-30: 1. Golden Ring (2) Rayan 56, 2. India Strong (11) N.S. Parmar 56, 3. Splendido (7) Sandesh 56, 4. Star Admiral (8) Vishal B 56, 5. Besuge (5) B. Nayak 54.5, 6. Capriati (9) Trevor 54.5, 7. Double Vision (1) Darshan 54.5, 8. Emma (6) Likith 54.5, 9. Fair Counsel (10) Jagadeesh 54.5, 10. Montelena (12) P.S. Chouhan 54.5, 11. Secret Lady (4) P.P. Dhebe 54.5 and 12. The Strikingly (3) Arvind K 54.5.

1. SPLENDIDO,
2. CAPRIATI,
3. MONTELENA

4 KOLKATA CUP (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 3-00: 1. Lord Frankel (7) Salman K 61.5, 2. Green Channel (5) J.H. Arul 60.5, 3. Lord Vader (6) Bhawani S 59.5, 4. Imperial Blue (4) Akshay K 59, 5. Forseti (2) Trevor 55, 6. Elusive Girl (1) Arshad 54, 7. Moon's Blessing (8) Shreyas S 54 and 8. Keystone (3) Yash 53.

1. FORSETI,
2. LORD VADER,
3. IMPERIAL BLUE

5 CHENNAI TROPHY (1,200m), rated 60 to 85, 3-30: 1. Watchmystars (1) Likith 60, 2. Lucky Chance (4) Srinath 59.5, 3. Hukum (7) Md. Aliyar 59, 4. Pride's Angel (6) Sandesh 58.5, 5. Silver Dew (8) Vishal B 56.5, 6. Star Glory (3) Suraj 56, 7. Tactical Command (2) Akshay K 55.5 and 8. Kensington Court (5) Trevor 55.

1. STAR GLORY,
2. KENSINGTON COURT,
3. LUCKY CHANCE

6 R.R. BYRAMJI MEMORIAL CUP (1,400m), 3-y-o, (Terms), 4-00: 1. Faith (6) P.S. Chouhan 57, 2. Fortunate Son (1) N.S. Parmar 55.5, 3. Fortunatus (4) Sandesh 55.5, 4. Yukan (3) Akshay K 55.5, 5. Crown Consort (2) Suraj 54 and 6. Tough Cookie (5) Trevor 54.

1. CROWN CONSORT,
2. FORTUNATUS

7 CHIVAS CUP (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 4-30: 1. Lauterbrunnen (8) Sai Kiran 61.5, 2. Miniver Rose (10) A. Imran 61.5, 3. Mitsuro (2) Trevor 60, 4. Benediction (4) Ajinkya 59, 5. Dedicated Boy (7) Kiran N 55, 6. Princess Jasmine (12) Vishal B 54.5, 7. Stunning Beauty (6) Arvind K 53.5, 8. Way Of Life (3) Tousif K 53.5, 9. Dallas Drifter (1) Arshad 52.5, 10. Mark One (11) G. Vivek 52.5, 11. Air Display (9) Jagadeesh 52 and 12. Sling Shot (5) Vinod Shinde 50.5.

1. MITSURO,
2. LAUTERBRUNNEN,
3. DALLAS DRIFTER

8 SQUANDERER CUP (1,400m), rated 00 to 25, 5-00: 1. Eco Friendly (8) Srinath 61.5, 2. First Royalist (1) Kirtish B 62.5, 3. Speed Seven (2) Likith 62, 4. Sunshine Prince (3) S. John 61.5, 5. Flower Of Paradise (12) Ashhad A 61, 6. Super Ruffian (7) J.H. Arul 61, 7. Turkoman (6) Nikhil N 60.5, 8. Sea Blush (9) Ikram Ahmed 60, 9. Sky Princess (4) Chethan K 60, 10. Commandpost (10) Rajesh K 59, 11. Love (11) M. Naveen 58 and 12. Russian Romance (5) Darshan 57.5.

1. SPEED SEVEN,
2. SUNSHINE PRINCE,
3. ECO FRIENDLY

9 SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA TROPHY (DIV. II), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 4-y-o & over, 5-30: 1. Fictioneer (1) Vishal B 60, 2. Striking Memory (10) G. Vivek 60, 3. Osiris (6) Arvind K 57.5, 4. Brooklyn Supreme (8) Ikram Ahmed 57, 5. Limited Edition (7) T.S. Jodha 57, 6. Rorito (5) Mark 57, 7. Toronero (12) L.A. Rozario 57, 8. Ansaldo (9) Srinath 56.5, 9. Mr Humble (3) P. Surya 56.5, 10. Art Power (2) P.P. Dhebe 56, 11. Johnnie Black (4) Darshan 56 and 12. The Beginning (11) Chethan K 56.

1. ANSALDO,
2. TORONERO,
3. STRIKING MEMORY

Day's best: **WINMYLOVE**
Double: **STAR GLORY – CROWN CONSORT**
Jkt: 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9; Tr (i): 1, 2 and 3; (ii): 4, 5 and 6; (iii): 7, 8 and 9.

Pedersen wins stage 13, Vingegaard still in lead

Pedersen. •AFP

REUTERS
SAINT ETIENNE

Mads Pedersen of Denmark won the 13th stage of the Tour de France, a 193-km ride from Le Bourg d'Oisans on Friday.

The 2019 World champion won a three-man sprint from the day's breakaway to beat Britain's Fred Wright and Canadian Hugo Houle, who were second and third, respectively.

Denmark's Jonas Vingegaard retained the overall leader's yellow jersey.

Navdeep Saini to play eight games for Kent

Saini. • FILE PHOTO

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
KENT

India fast bowler Navdeep Saini will play eight games for English County Kent during the ongoing season.

The pacer will be the second Indian Test cricketer, after Rahul Dravid, to play for Kent.

The 29-year-old has represented India in all forms of the game after making his T20I debut in August 2019.

Karthik revels as finisher

'As long as your role is defined clearly, it is relatively easier'

CRICKET

S. DIPAK RAGAV
CHENNAI

At 37, Dinesh Karthik is fit as ever and raring to go following his exploits in the IPL this year that helped him make yet another comeback to the national side in the T20 format recently.

The wicketkeeper batter has been given the role of a finisher in the line-up. He showed what he can do in the recent home series against South Africa with a couple of valuable knocks, including a half-century that helped India level the series in Rajkot.

Despite the challenge of donning a crucial role where he has little time to get his eye in, Karthik is revelling in the task he has been assigned with. "I think I have enjoyed it so far. The fact that I did so well for RCB has helped me achieve a few important things. It is a journey and I am really enjoying it," said Karthik here on Friday on the sidelines of an event promoting Evocus, a Black Alkaline water brand.

Different challenge

"With every new day, there is a different challenge. Some challenges you overcome, and some challenges are harder. So it has been interesting so far," he added.

In recent matches, he has often been held back in the batting line-up till close to the last handful of overs. On how he handles the pressure of the limited time he gets to make an impact, Karthik said, "be it the State, IPL or national side, as long as your role is defined clearly it becomes relatively easier to prepare and focus. One has to adapt and thrive, and I am really enjoying the challenge."

Commenting on how hard this comeback was compared to the previous ones, the Tamil Nadu player said, "to be honest, nothing much has changed. Of course, making a comeback when you are 35 plus was never going to be easy.

"I am thankful to everyone who helped me during that phase. I quietly believed in myself and put in the yards before the IPL, (and) happy things worked well."

■ In recent matches, Karthik has often been held back in the batting line-up till close to the last handful of overs

Man on a mission: Karthik says that one has to adapt, thrive and enjoy challenge. • PTI

Willey back in love with cricket

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
LONDON

David Willey said he had found his love of cricket again after being given a second chance at an England career.

The 32-year-old all-rounder helped set up Sunday's one-day international series decider against India by starring with both bat and ball as England drew level at 1-1 in a three-match contest with a 100-run win at Lord's on Thursday.

Valuable innings

He made a valuable 41 with the bat and then the left-arm quick captured the prize wicket of Virat Kohli just when the star batsman was threatening to cut loose.

The 32-year-son of former England batsman Peter Willey has been retained in the squad for Sunday's concluding ODI against India at Old Trafford rather than be released to captain Yorkshire in Saturday's T20 Blast finals day at Edgbaston.

It is all a far cry from when he was dropped from the England squad on the eve of their triumphant 2019 50-over World Cup campaign, with Willey replaced by newly-available fast bowler Jofra Archer.

But he has found joy in cricket again since being recalled by England in the Covid-affected 2020 season.

"I had a bit of a patch when I didn't bowl as well, around the time of the World Cup, and I fell out of love with the game," he said.

"But I've found my enjoyment and love again. When you have that, it makes you hungry to keep improving, expanding your game, developing as a player.

"If you stand still, you go backwards. I think I have continued to try to improve and my love for the game helps that.

"This is a great dressing room to be in, win or lose. Everyone enjoys the dressing room because it's a great place to be and that's reflected in performances over the years."

Willey. • GETTY IMAGES

Zimbabwe, Netherlands qualify for T20 WC

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
BULAWAYO

Hosts Zimbabwe and the Netherlands filled the last two places for the Twenty20 World Cup in Australia by winning their qualifying tournament semifinals here on Friday.

Zimbabwe beat Papua New Guinea by 27 runs after posting 199 for five in 20 overs, then restricting its opponents to 172 for eight.

Top scorer

Madhevere top scored with 42, including five fours, and added 63 runs for the second wicket with captain Craig Ervine.

The Netherlands defeated USA by seven wickets. Replying to the American total of 138 in 19.4 overs, the Dutch scored 139 for three with six balls to spare.

Australia, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, England, India, Ireland, Namibia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Scotland, South Africa, Sri Lanka, the United Arab Emirates and the West Indies had already secured places.

The 16-team tournament runs from Oct. 16 to Nov. 13 with Australia defending a title it won in the UAE last year.

Pakistan-Sri Lanka Test from today

Dhananjaya returns from Covid; Yasir makes comeback

PAK IN SRI LANKA

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
GALLE

Sri Lanka's Dhananjaya de Silva will return to the team after recovering from Covid-19, skipper Dimuth Karunaratne said on Friday ahead of the first of two Tests against Pakistan beginning here on Saturday.

Dhananjaya replaces Kamindu Mendis, who made an impressive 61 on debut in the previous match. "Oshada Fernando will open the innings with me.

Dhananjaya takes his place back and we'll have to look again who is batting at five and six," Karunaratne said.

Dinesh Chandimal hit an unbeaten 206 before left-arm spinner Prabath Jayasuriya returned a match haul of 12 wickets on debut as the hosts beat Australia by an innings and 39 runs to end the series level at 1-1.

Pakistan, led by Babar Azam, boasts a dangerous bowling attack led by ace quick Shaheen Shah Afridi and has brought back veteran spinner Yasir Shah on tracks that are expected to spin.

Pakistan lost a home series to Australia in March but edged out Sri Lanka in Tests on its last tour to the island nation in 2015.

The teams (from):

Sri Lanka: Oshada Fernando, Dimuth Karunaratne (Capt.), Kusal Mendis, Angelo Mathews, Dinesh Chandimal, Dhananjaya de Silva, Niroshan Dickwella (wk), Ramesh Mendis, Maheesh Theekshana, Prabath Jayasuriya, Kasun Rajitha and Asitha Fernando.

Pakistan: Babar Azam (Capt.), Mohammad Rizwan, Abdullah Shafique, Azhar Ali, Faheem Ashraf, Fawad Alam, Haris Rauf, Hasan Ali, Imam-ul-Haq, Mohammad Nawaz, Naseem Shah, Nauman Ali, Salman Ali Agha, Sarfaraz Ahmed, Saud Shakeel, Shaheen Afridi, Shan Masood and Yasir Shah.

Courtesy call: Sri Lanka captain Karunaratne exchanges pleasantries with Pakistan's Afridi, right, and Haris Rauf. • AFP

Thorpe gets his 1912 Olympic golds

Had been stripped of medals under prevailing 'amateurism' rules

ASSOCIATED PRESS
LAUSANNE

Jim Thorpe has been reinstated as the sole winner of the 1912 Olympic pentathlon and decathlon in Stockholm – nearly 110 years after being stripped of those gold medals for violations of strict amateurism rules of the time.

The International Olympic Committee planned the announcement for Friday – the 110th anniversary of Thorpe winning the decathlon and being proclaimed by King Gustav V of Sweden as "the greatest athlete in the world".

Thorpe, a Native American, returned to a ticker-tape parade in New York, but months later it was discovered he had been paid to play minor league baseball over two summers, an infringement of the Olympic amateurism rules. He was stripped of his gold medals in what was described as the first major international sports scandal.

Thorpe to some remains the greatest all-around athlete ever. He was voted as the Associated Press' Athlete of the Half Century in a poll in 1950.

In 1982 – 29 years after Thorpe's death – the IOC gave duplicate gold medals to his family but his Olympic records were not reinstated, nor was his status as the sole gold medallist of the two events.

Two years ago, a Bright Path Strong petition advocated declaring Thorpe the outright winner of the pentathlon and decathlon in 1912. The IOC had listed him as a co-champion in the official record book.

Thorpe tripled the score of his nearest competitor in the pentathlon and had 688 more points than the second-place finisher in the decathlon. During the closing ceremony, King Gustav V told Thorpe: "Sir, you are the greatest athlete in the world."

Jim Thorpe • GETTY IMAGES

Smith on top after superb show

Woods gets teary-eyed after failing to make the cut

BRITISH OPEN

REUTERS
ST. ANDREWS

Australia's Cameron Smith surged into the lead in the 150th British Open after a sensational eight-under-par second round of 64 on Friday left him on 13-under 131 for the tournament at the halfway stage.

The World No. 6 led by two in the clubhouse from Cameron Young, the overnight leader who shot a 69 on Friday to sit at 11 under par. Dustin Johnson, who went out early and posted a 67, is third in the clubhouse on nine-under.

Smith, who sat joint-third overnight after a 67 in his first round, improved on that with a round that featued six birdies, an eagle and no dropped shots.

Young slips to second

Young, who opened with a 64, bogeyed the second hole on Friday but steadied himself after that and closed with a birdie on 18 to take sole possession of second place.

World No. 1 Scottie Scheffler and England's Tyrrell Hatton, who went out together early in the morning, both moved onto eight-under at the halfway stage of the championship.

Masters champion Scheffler shot a second consecutive 68 while Hatton enjoyed a bogey-free 66 on Friday.

Meanwhile, a tearful Tiger Woods said he may never get the chance to grace a British Open at St. Andrews again after missing the cut.

A round of 75 on Friday left the 15-time Major winner languishing at nine over par for his two rounds.

Woods received a standing ovation as he walked up the 18th fairway and wiped away tears before completing his round of 75.

"I had a few tears. I'm not one who gets very teary-eyed very often about anything," added Woods. "To me it felt like this might have been my last British Open here at St. Andrews. The fans, the ovation and the warmth, it was an unbelievable feeling."

"I have nothing planned, zero. Maybe something next year, I don't know, but nothing in the near future. This is it. I was just hoping to play this one event this year."

Bidding adieu: Woods was overcome with emotion as the crowd gave him a standing ovation • REUTERS

Aronian ends Erigaisi's run

Gukesh beats Abdusattorov, moves closer to 2700 rating mark

CHESS ROUND-UP

SPORTS BUREAU

Levon Aronian stopped Arjun Erigaisi's brilliant run after bouncing back from deficit for a 2.5-1.5 win in the quarterfinals of the FTX Road to Miami online rapid chess tournament on Thursday.

The 18-year old Indian won the first game, let go of an advantageous position in the second for a draw before Aronian hit back to win two games to enter the semifinals.

In fact, the fourth game appeared to be headed for a draw and the resultant blitz-tie-breaker, but Arjun faltered in the endgame involving queens and pawns.

In the other quarterfinals, Wei Yi brought down league winner Samuel Sevian 1.5-0.5 in the blitz tie-breaker after hitting back to tie the rapid game 2-2, Jan-Krzysztof Duda beat Anish Giri 2.5-1.5 and Richard Rapport blanked Jeffery Xiong 2-0 in blitz after the players were tied 2-2 in their rapid games.

D. Gukesh, involved in a close race with good friend Arjun Erigaisi to reach the 2700-rating mark, moved closer to the coveted number by beating World rapid champion Nodirbek Abdusattorov in the first round of the classical time-format clash in the Biel Grandmaster Triathlon in Biel, Switzerland, on Thursday.

The 47-move victory with black pieces over the young Uzbek rated 2688, earned Gukesh 5.1 rating points. This raised the 16-year-old's live rating to 2698.7 and world ranking to 39th. The country's youngest Grandmaster is due to play Azerbaijan's Arkadij Naiditsch (2668) next.

Elite list

So far, only four Indians – Viswanathan Anand, P. Harikrishna, Vidit Gujrathi and K. Sasikiran – have crossed the 2700-mark in ratings.

Erigaisi (live rating of 2689) appeared the next in line but Gukesh surged ahead by gaining 15 points, so far this month.

The eight-player field plays in three formats and performances count towards the final score. The seven-round rapid phase earned the players two points for a win and one for a draw. The classical format offers four for a win and 1.5 for a draw.

After three rounds of classical games, the action will move to double-round blitz encounters before returning to the classical format for the last four days.

Eldose gets lucky with US visa

Dhanalakshmi explains reasons for missing Worlds

ATHLETICS

STAN RAYAN
KOCHI

Despite running around for a few days in New Delhi for his visa and then a late dash to the USA for the World Athletics Championships, which began in Oregon on Friday, triple jumper Eldose Paul was thanking his stars.

"I got a 10-year US visa," Paul told *The Hindu* soon after landing in Oregon on Friday.

Not so lucky

Many others were not so lucky.

Long jumpers M. Sreeshankar and Jeswin Aldrin (who flew business class to the US with JSW upgrading his Government-booked ticket after he was cleared late for the Worlds) and triple jumper Praveen Chithravel have got only six-month visas.

One learns that almost all who went in the first batch for their visa interview got six-month visas, while many in the next few groups were lucky to get 10-year visas. A 10-year US visa would have been very beneficial for athletes, like Sreeshankar, who plan to train in Chula Vista next year too.

The US visa issue has made headlines all over the world, with some either forced to miss the Worlds, as they were denied visas, or land a few hours before their event as they got them late.

Tricky situation

Indian athletes had to face a trickier situation as they also had to complete the UK visa formalities for the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham soon after the Worlds.

That put S. Dhanalakshmi, India's fastest woman this year who had qualified for the Worlds in the 200m through the world rankings route, in a dilemma.

Though the US Embassy had opened a special window for Indians going to the Worlds, Dhanalakshmi was forced to miss her visa interview in late June as she was running in Almaty that day and clocked the third-fastest 200m time by an Indian there (22.89s).

Focus on CWG

"Since I had gone to Kazakhstan, my US visa appointment got cancelled. And for the Commonwealth Games, they had put my UK visa appointment for July 1. I had to attend that, and my passport got held up there," said Dhanalakshmi, explaining the reason for missing the Worlds.

"I'm disappointed but I thought I'd focus on the Commonwealth and do well there.

Tough competition

"Anyway, the competition will be very tough at the Worlds. In the Commonwealth (where she has been entered in 100m and 4x100m relay), probably if we try hard, we could win a (relay) medal. So, I thought I'd stay back and train here. Anyway, we have the World Championships next year too."

S. Dhanalakshmi. • VELANKANNI RAJ

LIVE TELECAST

Sri Lanka vs Pakistan: 1st Test, day 1, Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 10 a.m.
Badminton: Singapore Open, Sports 18-1 & Voot Select, 10.30 a.m.
TNPL 2022: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 3.15 p.m. & 7.15 p.m.
West Indies vs Bangladesh: 3rd ODI, FanCode, 7 p.m.
Golf: British Open, Eurosport (SD & HD) & Discovery Plus, 2.30 p.m. & 9 p.m.
Formula E: New York E-Prix, SS Select 2 & Disney+ Hotstar, 10.30 p.m.
World Athletics Championships: Sony LIV & World Athletics YouTube & Facebook channel, 1.40 a.m. (Sunday)

IN BRIEF

Former national high jumper Juby passes away

KOCHI

Juby Thomas, a former national high jump champion and the 1999 South Asian Games bronze medallist, died after an accident at Mulanthuruthy on Friday morning. He was 42 and is survived by his wife and three daughters. Thomas, a Railway chief ticketing inspector in Ernakualm who hailed from Piravom, was on his way to work when his bike was knocked down by a vehicle at Mulanthuruthy. He died in a hospital at Tripunithura.

BSNL to meet Bharath SU in final

BENGALURU

BSNL edged KSP 81-74 to to enter the final of the State B-division basketball league championship, here on Friday. In the summit clash, BSNL will take on Bharath SU which defeated Rising Star BC Mysore 75-55.

The results (semifinals): BSNL 81 (Hareesh 19, Nikhilesh 11) bt KSP 74 (Manoj 25, Naveen 17); Bharath SU 75 (Akshay 27, Nakul 19) bt Rising Star BC Mysore 55 (Supradeep 18, Sahil 18).

Sathiyan and Manika pair bows out

BUDAPEST

The Indian mixed doubles pair of G. Sathiyan and Manika Batra lost to Tomakazu Harimoto and Hina Hayata of Japan 9-11, 9-11, 7-11 in the semifinals of the World Table Tennis (WTT) Star Contender European Summer Series here on Friday.

Will try our best to win gold: Harmanpreet

India is looking to put the brakes on Australia's golden run

HOCKEY

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BENGALURU

A confident Indian men's hockey team is looking to put the brakes on Australia's golden run at the upcoming Commonwealth Games, vice-captain Harmanpreet Singh said on Friday.

Australia has won all the six gold medals on offer in the men's competition since the game's introduction at the multi-sport event in Kuala Lumpur in 1998.

Exuding confidence

But Harmanpreet exuded confidence that his team will be able to buck the trend in Birmingham.

"Our team has been performing well. We played well in FIH Hockey Pro League as well and therefore the confidence is high within the group. We will look to keep winning matches. We will definitely try our level best to win gold at the Commonwealth Games 2022," he said.

"Our preparations for the Commonwealth Games are going on very well. We are working on specific aspects of our game during our training sessions and we are focusing on the learnings from the FIH Hockey Pro League."

On the ball: Harmanpreet says India has been working to plug the loop holes. • FILE PHOTO: BISWARANJAN ROUT

The ace drag-flicker said finishing and defence remain a concern for India but the team was constantly working to plug holes in these two areas.

"We are specifically working on our finishing and defending skills at the moment.

"Overall, we are hitting the right notes in the practice sessions.

"We'll just keep working hard on our game and try to keep getting better day by day," Harmanpreet said.

"We have been playing practice matches during our training sessions. Our main team has been playing against the rest of the players in the national camp.

"The practice matches have helped us improve our on-field coordination and also provided us with an opportunity to test our strategies," he added.

Ramkumar in doubles semifinals

SPORTS BUREAU

Ramkumar Ramanathan and John-Patrick Smith beat Radu Albot and Treat Huey 6-1, 6-4 to reach the $665,330 ATP tennis doubles semifinals in Newport.

Other results:

€90,280 Challenger, Iasi, Romania: Quarterfinals: Diego Hidalgo (Ecu) & Cristian Rodriguez (Col) bt Petros Tsitsipas (Gre) & Arjun Kadhe 7-5, 6-1.

$53,120 Challenger, Rome, US: Quarterfinals: Yosshihito Nishioka & Sho Shimabukkuro (Jpn) bt Sriram Balaji & Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan 6-4, 6-2.

$25,000 ITF men, Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan: Men: Quarterfinals: Prajnesh Gunneswaran bt Zura Tkemaladze (Geo) 7-6(3), 6-2. **Women: Doubles: Semifinals:** Momoko Kobori (Jpn) & Ankita Raina bt Mariia Tkacheva & Anastasia Zolotareva 6-4, 6-3.

$25,000 ITF men, Idanha-a-Nova, Portugal: Quarterfinals: Valentin De Carvalho & Goncalo Oliveira (Por) bt Rishab Agarwal & Adil Kalyanpur 6-3, 2-6, [10-7].

$15,000 ITF, Monastir: Men: Quarterfinals: Mu Tao (Chn) bt Manish Sureshkumar 6-2, 4-0 (retired).

Doubles: Quarterfinals: Rithvik Choudary Bollipalli & Niki Poonacha bt Maximus Jones (Tha) & Zheng Baoluo (Chn) 6-3, 6-7(5), [10-6]; Omar Brigida & Gabriele Maria Noce (Ita) bt Guy Orly Iradukunda (Bdi) & Tushar Sharma 6-2, 5-7, [10-6]; Sai Karteek Reddy & Manish Sureshkumar w.o. Dong Bohua & Sun Qian (Chn).

KBA open to amending constitution to find middle ground

EC meeting on Friday decides to take legal opinion

BADMINTON

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Two days after its disaffiliation, the Karnataka Badminton Association (KBA), after its Executive Committee Meeting on Friday, has decided to explore ways to amend its Constitution and bring it in line with Badminton Association of India (BAI) requirements.

The BAI had taken exception to the constitution of the KBA Executive Committee where life members are in a majority compared to district association representatives. KBA's plan to protect members' interests by forming a separate badminton-only body and ensuring compliance of BAI bylaws there didn't find favour.

The KBA has thus moved to find a middle ground within the existing Association structure, which may mean that members might have to put up with a few restrictions like reduced access to badminton courts, etc.

"It's a balancing act," said a KBA official. "Our primary concern is players' welfare but members bring close to 30% of the revenues through subscriptions and other avenues. So, we are accountable to them too. But we have to come out with a solution. We will be consulting a few lawyers in the next few days to see how this can be done."

The official also conceded that going forward it will become mandatory for all State associations to follow the Government of India Sports Code, in letter and spirit. "We are adhering to it with respect to affiliation of districts and such. But we might have to amend our bylaws so that district members have more voting rights than life members."

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Pranavi wins ninth leg

Pranavi Urs came up with four birdies in a span of five holes on the back nine in the final round to secure the ninth leg of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour at the Bangalore Golf Club, here on Friday.

She shot 2-over 71 with four birdies against six bogeys and totalled 2-over 209, while Seher Atwal (71), with one birdie against two bogeys, aggregated 5-over 212.

Pranavi's fourth win of the season extended her lead at the top of the Hero Order of Merit.

Rewarding excellence: Pranavi receiving the winner's cheque. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Bronze for Sakshi

WRESTLING

SPORTS BUREAU

Olympics bronze medallist Sakshi Malik won a bronze medal in the women's 62kg category at the Zouhaier Sghaier Ranking Series wrestling tournament in Tunis, Tunisia, on Friday.

After being pinned by Brazilian Lais de Oliveira, Sakshi benefited as local wrestler Marwa Amri forfeited her match. Then Sakshi, the only Commonwealth Games-bound Indian woman wrestler competing in the event, lost to Germany's Luisa Niemesch 5-2. She still managed a bronze in a field comprising three wrestlers.

Sakshi Malik. • FILE PHOTO

Sachin Sehrawat (67kg), Gyandender Dahiya (63kg), Sunil Kumar (87kg) had bagged Greco Roman gold medals in seriously depleted fields on the opening day.

Arjun Halakurki (60kg) and Deepanshu (97kg) got a silver apiece, while Naveen (130kg) bagged a bronze.

National Combined Totalizator System launched

It facilitates pool dividend calculations, display and distribution to racing patrons

RACING

SPORTS REPORTER
BENGALURU

The National Combined Totalizator System was launched by the Turf Authorities of India (TAI) here on Friday.

The system will increase transparency among all stakeholders (government, club, racing patrons etc.) while bringing Indian horse racing closer to international trends and standards. It will also offer a more stable and better dividend system for racing patrons.

Grand prize: BTC chairman K. Uday Eswaran, right, and Rohan Gupta, founder and CEO of Sport Ex consultancy, unveiling the Bangalore Summer Derby Cup • K. MURALI KUMAR

"This is going to be a game changer in Indian horse racing. It will be exciting when we implement the National Combined Totalizator System starting in Hyderabad – the first race day in August," TAI and Bangalore Turf Club chairman K. Uday Eswaran said at the launch event here.

Technology partner

NorthAlley, a horse racing focused technology company with the Totalizator "Fortis TOTE" built for national and global commingling, has been selected as a single Totalizator Technology Partner across all centres for the National Tote Initiative.

The National Tote Initiative was conceptualised by Zavaray Poonawalla, Harimohan Naidu, and Ramesh Rangarajan.

The automated system facilitates pool dividend calculations, display and distribution to racing patrons. Previously, wagering on tote was operated by individual turf authorities (clubs) on their races, with the dividend pool limited to the centre.

The system will also bring professional punters to the tote system, and will provide potential better dividends helping the race clubs to compete with bookies.

The draw ceremony for the Betway Bangalore Summer Derby 2022 was held, and the odds were unveiled. The summer derby was not held in the previous two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.